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Fighting still rages in sealed off Hama

DAMASCUS, Feb. 15 (AP) — The rebellious northwestern city of Hama remained sealed off from the outside world Monday amid reports of continued fighting there between Syrian troops and Muslim Brotherhood entrenched in caves and ancient catacombs.

The government had announced plans to reopen the city to traffic and trade Sunday, two days after it claimed troops had crushed the Muslim Brotherhood in Hama. The reopening was canceled along with plans to take journalists on a tour of the city 177 kms north of Damascus. Officials warned reporters that attempt to approach the besieged city would be "life-threatening."

The fighting erupted Feb. 2 during a search for Muslim Brotherhood men who have fighting the government for the past 2 1/2 years. The government was reported to have

attacked Hama, a city of 250,000 with 5,000 to 8,000 troops using tanks, artillery and helicopter gunships. Whole districts were reported destroyed, and Syrian sources said at least four mosques were destroyed.

The government claimed Friday its opponents had been crushed. But other sources said there was still hand-to-hand fighting in the narrow, winding streets of the ancient Hama district, in the catacombs below it and in caves in the hills northwest of the city. Neither food nor medicine was allowed into Hama, a source said.

Hundreds of deaths have been reported although there has been no exact fatality toll. Syrian sources said that by Friday, security forces had wounded an estimated 2,000 insurgents, while the rebels wounded 400 government soldiers.

Bahrain stresses ties

Fahd meets 2 Gulf ministers

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd received Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al-Khalifa Al-Sabah at the Royal Court here Monday.

Present at the audience was Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, minister of posts, telegraph and telephones, who is also acting minister of petroleum and mineral resources.

On arrival, Sheikh Ali said he brought a message from Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah for King Khaled.

In the afternoon the crown prince welcomed Sheikh Muhammad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the interior minister of Bahrain. The meeting was attended by Ibrahim Ali Ibrahim, Bahraini ambassador to the Kingdom.

One arrival, Sheikh Muhammad told newsmen that he was carrying a message from

Bahraini Ruler Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa for King Khaled, dealing with current situation in the Gulf region in particular and the Arab world in general. He said his visit provided a good chance for holding discussions with Saudi Arabian officials on issues of mutual concern, particularly in the field of security.

The Bahraini minister said that security cooperation between the two countries was enhanced considerably after the signing of the joint security agreement. He expressed the hope that the upcoming conference of Gulf Cooperation Council interior ministers will solidify security and stability in the interest of the peoples of the Gulf region.

The Kuwaiti and Bahraini ministers left for their country after a brief visit.

China acts to boost oil hunt

PEKING, Feb. 15 (R) — China took fresh steps Monday toward the long-awaited exploitation of its offshore oil by forming a national offshore oil company and announcing that foreign companies would soon be invited to tender bids.

The China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), officially set up Monday will take full charge of offshore oil exploitation in cooperation with foreign companies, the New China News Agency said.

It added that preparations had been made for bidding for rights to exploit the reserves, and CNOOC would soon send letters of notification to the more than 45 foreign companies, about half of them American, that are eligible to bid.

The agency said all foreign companies that took part in seismic work off the Chinese coast in the quest for oil would be welcome to bid.

The president of CNOOC was named as Qin Wencai, who said that China would

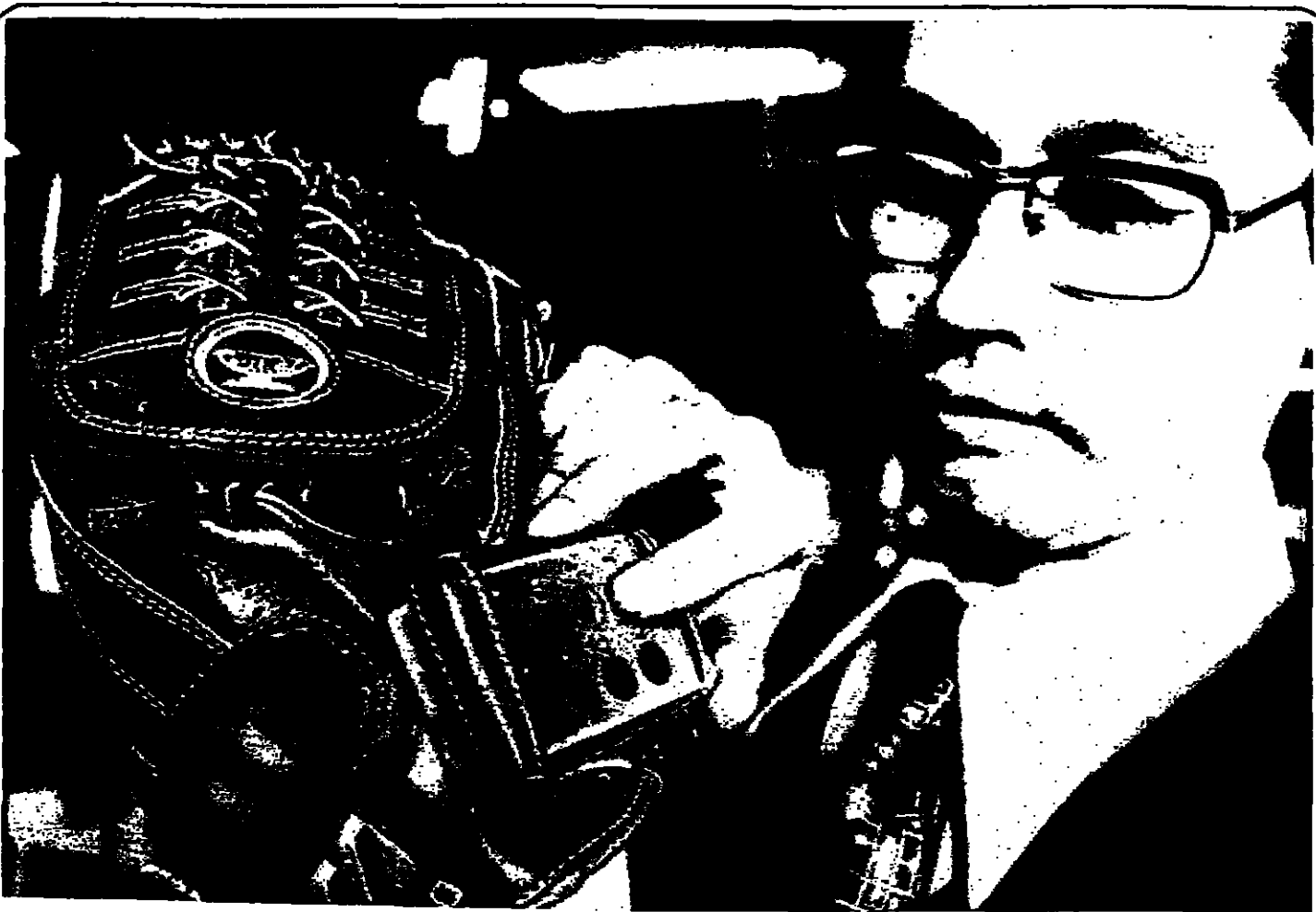
actively cooperate with foreign enterprises while safeguarding its sovereignty.

He added that detailed rules concerning contracts to exploit the oil and on foreign companies' tax obligations would be available soon.

An American oil expert, John Emerson of the Chase Manhattan Bank, said in Singapore last week that Chinese oil resources may be as large as those of Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter. Others have not been so optimistic, but one banker here said that if the companies were still waiting they must think something was there.

China badly needs to exploit its offshore oil because onshore supplies are drying up and senior officials have pointed to a serious energy gap.

Seven of the oil majors have been acting as operators of the seven blocks into which the seismic work has been divided. These are British Petroleum, Amoco, Texaco, Chevron, Mobil, Elf-Aquitaine and Phillips.



BASEBALL REVOLUTION? This new electronic baseball glove makes it possible for catchers and pitchers to communicate by pushing buttons and eliminates the time-honored hand and finger signals. The new glove is displayed in Osaka, Japan by Senji Nobuta of Mizuno Corp., Japan's largest producer of baseball equipment. While the new electronic development will improve communications on the baseball field, the question remains whether professional leagues will allow their players to use the glove.

Dollar scales new high as share prices sink

LONDON, Feb. 15 (R) — Renewed pressure on U.S. interest rates drove the dollar up sharply against other major currencies Monday and undermined confidence on share and bond markets.

Economists said the American currency's latest surge of strength was reducing hopes for further cuts in interest rates by European countries such as West Germany, which want to stimulate their economies at a time of rising unemployment.

As interest on dollar deposits in Europe climbed by up to three-eighths of a percentage point, the dollar hit its highest for five months against the West German mark and for six months against the French franc and the Japanese yen. The pound sterling fell to its lowest for three and a half months.

Foreign exchange dealers said banks were buying dollars in the belief that U.S. interest rates were likely to climb after last Friday's news of an unexpectedly big increase in the supply of money in circulation in the United States. The Federal Reserve board, the U.S. central bank, is expected to tighten credit to slow money supply growth and this could force up interest rates, they said, while projections by the U.S. administration of sizeable budget deficits also pointed to higher

interest rates.

In Frankfurt last Friday, Karl Otto Poehl, president of the Bundesbank, the West German central bank, said President Reagan's proposed budget deficits would threaten a revival of the world economy and either keep American interest rates extremely high or boost inflation.

Interest rate concerns also drew money out of securities Monday, depressing domestic bond and share prices in centers such as London and Zurich as nervous investors switched into higher-yielding competing investments, including interest-bearing bank deposits, brokers said.

The dollar was fixed at 2,4004 marks in Frankfurt, its highest level since September, and at 6.0835 French francs in Paris, its highest since August. Dealers said central banks did not intervene in support of the two European currencies.

But in Tokyo, where the dollar closed at its highest since Aug. 5 at 241.10 yen, dealers said the Japanese central bank sold up to \$400 million Monday to support the yen. Sterling declined to a 14-week low of \$1.8280 although it held up fairly well against European currencies.

84 feared dead as rig capsizes

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Feb. 15, (Agencies) — An oil rig capsized off the Canadian coast early Monday and the 84 persons on board were feared lost in the stormy Atlantic waters, its operators said.

Mobil Oil Canada, who operate the stricken *Ocean Ranger* rig, one of the world's biggest, said bodies had been sighted in the sea where the rig went down 175 nautical miles east off this port city.

The oil company had earlier ordered the workers to abandon the platform, 281 kms east of here, when it began listing, and communications were severed soon after. A brief statement issued by the oil company said "air-sea rescue has been unable to locate the rig but the site has been identified by helicopter through the rig's anchor buoys and wave-riding buoys."

An official said search aircraft spotted two lifeboats, one capsized and the other with its stern submerged in the turbulent seas. It was not immediately stated how many bodies were found.

Lt. Doug Gale of the rescue center said it was not known how many of the crewmen were in the lifeboat which capsized.

Mobil said the rig had 84 men aboard when it began to list in heavy seas early Monday. The crew prepared to abandon the rig, and the lifeboat was launched at 2:15 a.m. (0515 GMT). The rescue center said the boat turned over about 3:10 a.m. local time.

The supply tugs *Seaford Highlander* and *Neutor* were at the scene and were searching for survivors, the center said. A spokesman said the ceiling was low, with snow and rain, and winds of up to 80 miles an hour (130 kph) were whipping up high seas.

The semi-submersible rig first listed 15 degrees during the night, rocked by heavy seas in one of the worst winter storms on record for the Gulf of St. Lawrence with winds registered at 135 kms per hour, reports said.

Of the 84 persons on the rig, 45-35 Canadians and 10 Americans were employed by the Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company. Most of the others were Newfoundland residents employed by subcontractors, a spokesman said.

All personnel aboard oil rigs are required to wear survival suits which would keep them alive for an hour in the chilly waters of the North Atlantic. A Mobil spokesman in St. John's said the oil well, J-24, was secured and there was no possibility of a blowout.

The rig, owned by Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company of New Orleans, Louisiana, is one of the world's largest. It was built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries in Hiroshima, Japan, and launched in 1976.

The semi-submersible, self-propelled rig has a rectangular platform measuring 122 by 80 by 41 meters. It can drill in water depths up to 462 meters and to a depth of more than 7,600 meters.

The world's worst oil rig disaster in terms of loss of life occurred in the North Sea 200 miles off Norway March 27, 1980. The 10,000-ton *Alexander Kielland* rig capsized, taking 123 persons to their deaths.

Gold, which yields nothing, was fixed by bullion houses about \$3 lower at \$375.55 an ounce in London, also upset by the apparent rising trend in U.S. interest rates. American markets were all closed Monday for Washington's birthday.

International share markets will be closely watching the reaction of the New York stock exchange Tuesday when it reopens after two consecutive weeks of price declines, dealers said.

Marcos reported coming March 13

MANILA, Feb. 15 (R) — President Ferdinand Marcos plans to leave Manila March 13 for a three-day state visit to Saudi Arabia, government sources said here Monday. Marcos said he was invited to the Kingdom by Crown Prince Fahd when the two men met last October in Cancun, Mexico, during the North-South Summit.

Yamani assails critics

Spells out role of Saudi-U.S. joint commission

MANAMA, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani reiterated here Monday that the task of the Saudi-American Joint Committee is confined only to following up on the Kingdom's purchases and military projects with the United States.

He said that anything said beyond this fact about the committee, formed during U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's recent visit to the Kingdom, is "unfounded and totally baseless."

In a statement published by the Gulf News Agency, Yamani expressed amazement over the clamor and predictions by some news agencies on the formation and task of the committee. He said the creation of suspicion in the Kingdom's policy and objectives is an unacceptable method pursued by some dubious newspapers owing to their collusion with the alien powers. The minister added that "these venomous and slanders, which are directed against the Kingdom's policy, should better have been directed toward the common enemy who occupies the Arab lands and flouts with the dignity and sanctity of Islamic sacred places."

Yamani reaffirmed that the Kingdom's policy is no secret to anyone, "as it has never occurred that it signed secret or open agreements at the expense of our Arab and Islamic nations." He added that "our stances have always been clear and frank and we have carried out our responsibility with full integrity and sincerity, with a view to serving the cause of the Arab and Islamic nation."

Yamani said: "God willing, we shall continue on this path without paying heed to any din created by the tendentious people. By the Grace of God, we have total faith in our message and we are confident of the awareness of our peoples and nation about the reality and dimensions of these irresponsible distortions."

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Consortium of five wins Jubail refinery awards

RIYADH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — A consortium of five joint-venture and foreign companies won several contracts for designing, supplying equipment and building the Petromin-Shell export-oriented refinery of Jubail.

According to a source at Petromin Monday, the final contracts were signed for preparing designs, supplying equipment and installing the refinery at Jubail industrial city.

The consortium incorporates Chiyoda Petrostar Saudi Arabia, Technip Saudi Arabia, Parsons International and Parsons California of the U.S., Chiyoda Chemical Engineering and Construction of Japan and Technip of France.

Work on the plant, which began in September, 1981, will be completed within 35 months providing for the refinery to start commercial production by the first quarter of 1985. It will produce 250,000 barrels a day, of which more than 13 million barrels of various petroleum products will be exported.

The source added that Jubail refinery will be among the most advanced in the world in regard to technical and technological integration. The plant will possess highly advanced equipment for transforming heavy crude

products into light oil components.

"This will enable the refinery to produce larger quantities of light oil products and components which form the basis for various petrochemical industries," the official said. The Jubail plant will also produce an aromatic benzene component that is used in industries locally.

The refinery will have 15 different operation units in addition to an aromatic benzene producing unit and a hydrocracker unit. Products will be consistent with the latest international specifications in regard to quality. More than 1,000 employees including engineers, technicians and administrative personnel will operate the refinery, the source said.

Petromin had already embarked on preparing the technical and administrative national personnel to participate in the refinery's training. They are part of a highly qualified technical and administrative personnel training program being implemented by the petroleum and minerals organization. Trainees are sent to the United States, Britain, Holland, West Germany and South Korea.

Jazaeri in Sanaa to attend opening of Salam hospital

SANAA, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-Jazaeri arrived here Monday on a few days' visit to attend the opening of the Salam hospital in Saada which was financed by the Kingdom. The hospital was constructed as a result of "fraternal cooperation" between the two countries.

Jazaeri said upon arrival that instructions of the Kingdom's leadership urge closer cooperation and coordination between the health ministries in the two countries.

The hospital, one of the development projects in North Yemen financed by Saudi Arabia, cost SR250 million and is a model medical institution in the Arabian Peninsula.

Jazaeri, accompanied by senior health officials, arrived here from Jizan. He said in a statement before departure that the Saada hospital is a gift from the Kingdom to the people of North Yemen. It has been equipped by Saudi Arabia who retained a company to run it for several years, after which the Yemen Health Ministry will take over its management, he said.

He stressed the strong bonds of excellent



Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri

relations between the two countries and said that there are a number of health centers being built by the Kingdom in Yemen.

Jazaeri visited Fursan island Sunday to inspect its old hospital and the new one which accommodates 30 patients and has specialists in all branches of medicine.

Meanwhile, in Jizan, the two sub-committees on malaria and bilharzia formed by the ninth conference on malaria and bilharzia control worked out a plan Sunday to combat the two diseases in the southern and southwestern regions of Saudi Arabia, from Layth to the Yemeni border. The conference was opened Saturday.

West's attitude criticized

Badr chairs shipping parley

By a Staff Writer

MANAMA, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Bahraini Development and Industry Minister Yusuf Shirawi opened Monday the Oceanexpo Middle East Conference attended by 40 countries. The conference will be presided over by Dr. Fayez Badr, Saudi ports authority president.

Badr criticized in his keynote address at the opening session Western shipping companies' reluctance to supply expertise to the developing countries, and stressed the need for transfer of technology and self-reliance.

Stressing that economic diversification is one of the most important needs of the Arab communities, Badr said: "For the future we are looking for transfer of technology at all levels — whether it be for welding a pipe, or the most intricate electronic skills."

Preference will be given to those organizations which guarantee that they can and will transfer knowledge, whether in the field of industry, agriculture, ports or shipping, he said.

Indian trade mission arrives today

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 — A four-member Indian delegation, sponsored by the Handloom and Handicrafts Export Promotion Council arrives here Tuesday to explore markets for hand-made carpets, a spokesman for Indian embassy said Monday.

The team headed by Shiromani Sharma, development commissioner of HHEPC, includes J.C. Sareen; G.R. Khan and S. Ansari, all exporters of carpets. During the five-day visit, they will meet buyers and also explore possibilities of having permanent exhibition of their products. The team will

"There is no other way. Self-reliance cannot be donated or bought. It must be generated from within," he added.

Badr called for urgent action to open up the market in shipping, saying that there is no reason why there should be less Arab involvement and competition than in other fields. Western companies have been reluctant to pass on knowledge or skills and have preferred to keep large profits for themselves, he said.

"The Saudi National Shipping Company and the United Arab Shipping company are leading the way in breaking into shipping markets. We hope the creation of the Islamic Shipowners Association will provide the forum for coordinating common strategy to surmount the restrictive practices indulged in by the developed world," Badr said.

"We are seeking," said Badr, "a fair share in the carriage of bulk as well as general cargo, and of course an expansion of tonnage is necessary. But in the meantime we expect that those trading with us will do their utmost to give cargo to our vessels."

leave for Kuwait Feb. 20, the spokesman added.

Another two-member mission of Punjab industries will arrive here Feb. 18 to meet importers of hand tools, hosiery and knitwear, sports goods, auto-parts, agricultural machinery, blankets and shawls, sewing machines, bicycles and spare parts.

The delegation consisting of T.K.A. Nair, secretary in Department of Industries in Punjab and K.K. Bhatnagar, managing director of Punjab State Small Industries Corporation, will also explore possibilities of investment in industries. They will visit Riyadh Feb. 21-22 and leave for Abu Dhabi Feb. 23, he said.

Chatti urges joint Islamic investing

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Habib Chatti, secretary general of the 42-member Organization of the Islamic Conference, Sunday called for joint industries, projects and investments among Islamic countries.

Addressing the opening session of the Round Table Ministerial Conference on Industrial Cooperation, Chatti said that such joint ventures are the repository of cooperation among Islamic states. He added that the Agreement for the Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among OIC member states could open new vistas for industrial cooperation.

In the speech, delivered on Chatti's behalf by Zainul Arifin Osman, OIC's assistant secretary general for administrative, economic and financial affairs, he deplored the failure of the North-South dialogue. Such a failure, said Chatti, has made it imperative on the

Islamic world not to rely on anybody, but to try to make the most out of its own resources and potentialities to reach a stage of self-sufficiency.

Finance experts meet

RIYADH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Finance experts from the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) meet Tuesday at the council's headquarters here to finalize the constitutional system of the proposed Gulf Investment Corporation.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Gain, the GCC assistant secretary general for economic affairs, said the meeting is in response to GCC finance ministers' resolutions adopted in their meeting here last month, during which they agreed on the establishment of the Gulf investment corporation.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of the youth welfare organization, left here Monday for Kuwait at the invitation of Sheikh Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Al-Jabir Al-Sabah, chairman of the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee and member of the International Olympic Committee. Prince Faisal was seen off at the airport by Dr. Saleh ibn Nasser, information undersecretary for radio and TV affairs and chairman of the Saudi volleyball association.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Commerce Dr. Salim Al-Solaim Sunday conferred with Tunisian Farming Minister Al Asad ibn Osman, currently visiting Saudi Arabia.

During the meeting, attended by undersecretary for supply affairs at the ministry of commerce, Tawfik Ibrahim Tawfik, the two sides discussed prospects of exporting Tunisian agricultural products and foodstuff to the Kingdom's markets. The talks also covered means for promoting trade relations between the two countries.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Minister of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones and acting minister of petroleum and mineral resources, Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, Sunday conferred here with Somali finance minister currently visiting the Kingdom. During the meeting, attended by Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher, the two sides discussed means of further promoting cooperation between the Kingdom and Somalia in the field of oil and industry.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Fifty-two expatriates

Monday embraced Islam here before Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Issa, head of the Sharia Court. They include 32 Koreans, three Britons, 11 Filipinos, an Indian, an Eritrean, a national of Mauritius, and the first secretary of the Zaire embassy here, with his 12-member family.

DHAHRAN (SPA) — A Cypriot trade delegation arrived here Sunday on a four-day visit to the Eastern Province. The team, representing Cypriot factories specialized in clothes, foods, leather and plastic products, will organize a trade fair here and hold talks with officials of Chamber of Commerce and Industry on boosting trade and industrial cooperation between Cyprus and Saudi Arabia.

JEDDAH (SPA) — President of the Islamic Development Bank Dr. Ahmad Mohammad Ali left here Sunday for Pakistan. Dr. Ali is leading his bank delegation to the meetings of industry ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), which began in Islamabad later Sunday. A report on the industrial projects financed by the IDB in the Islamic states will be discussed during the four-day meeting.

RIYADH, (SPA) — The Education Ministry at present has 50 public libraries in the various parts of Saudi Arabia, with books on different branches of knowledge. Funds have been allocated under the third Five-Year Development plan to construct buildings for eight new libraries, to promote culture and encourage Saudi Arabians to learn more and to conduct research work.

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More dams to be built in the Kingdom

RIYADH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — The Agriculture and Water Ministry has completed procedures for building 45 dams in various parts of the country, according to the minister, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, Monday.

"This is the second group of 100 dams whose immediate construction was ordered by Crown Prince Fahd, upon the instructions of King Khaled," Al-Sheikh said. The ministry has already issued tenders for the first group of 55 dams which will be awarded soon, he added.

The dams will be built at a number of valleys to preserve large quantities of storm water, to increase the level of subterranean water and improve the quantity and quality of drinking water, the minister said. "It will have a good impact on the agricultural aspects and drinking water," he added.

Meanwhile, the agriculture and water min-

istry is planning to expand natural forests in the Baha region. The Baha Agriculture and Water Directorate has expanded the forest nursery in Biljirshi, and introduced improvements to the Mindaq nursery, in addition to establishing a nursery for pastoral plants in Aqiq.

Survey conducted

MADINAH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Ministry's experts are conducting a survey of Madinah region about subterranean water reserves and expanding the agricultural site.

Abdul Aziz Al-Musallam, agriculture and water director general in Madinah, said Monday that the survey will determine the subterranean water sites for establishing farms according to the climate and quantity of water. The experts also took measures of 45 wells to determine the quantity of water. The survey includes Umuluj, Mastourah, Rabegh, Mahr, Suwaider, Hanakia and other areas.

According to Ali Abdullah Al-Rajeh, Baha agriculture and water director, 40,000 trees of various types will be planted in the Baha, Biljirshi and Mindaq as part of the afforestation program for the region. He said 10,000 trees were planted during an afforestation week. More than 450 donums have

been planted with trees in Baha, Biljirshi and Mindaq, he added.

The directorate is also keen to expand planting of fruit trees. About 20,000 saplings of fruit trees have been distributed to farmers at nominal prices while concentration and guidance is directed toward introducing new vegetables. The directorate has established 40 winter experimental farms, in addition to 18 potato experimental farms which aim at popularizing better types.

Farmers have been encouraged to expand their date planting and the production of honey. Rajeh said that 20 apiaries were distributed last year and 100 more are allocated for this year. This aims at spreading experimental

apiaries by distributing them to farmers, the official said.

Rajeh commended the agriculture and water ministry's care in building dams in Baha, Biljirshi, Atawlah and other parts of Tihama, to provide fresh water and increase the level of subterranean water for agricultural purposes.

Grain, barley and millet subsidies by the government amounted to SR2.6 million in 1981, Rajeh said. The veterinary department of the Baha directorate has immunized 88,543 head of cattle in the period between Oct. 28 and Jan. 25. The department also treated 72,098 animals during the same period, Rajeh added.

G.E. wins \$25m turbine contract

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 15 — The General Electricity Corporation of Saudi Arabia has signed a \$25.9 million contract with General Electric of USA for the purchase of three gas turbine generator packages which will produce 82.4 megawatts of power for the Jibla Fifa region near the Red Sea. In the first order to be placed with General Electric, the company has named Sadi/Sadelni construction operations of Italy as the installation contractor for the turnkey project.

When the units become operational by February of 1983, the Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company for the Southern Region (SCEC) will assume ownership and operation. The generators, fueled by crude oil, will expand the Jizan central electricity project, which is already equipped with a high pressure unit of 33 kilovolts, a control room and a distribution network.

The turbines will be manufactured by General Electric's gas turbine division based in New York. The generators will be manufactured by GE's medium steam turbine department.

The turbines are said to operate on a variety of fuels including crude oil, distillate oil or gas. To date, there are about 120 GE-designed gas turbines which have either been ordered or installed for electricity utilities and industrial applications in the Kingdom.

Loan settlement urged

RIYADH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — The Real Estate Development Fund announced here Monday that Wednesday will be the last date for settlement of due debt instalments.

Citizens who settle repayment instalments of loans granted by the fund by Wednesday will be eligible for pardon from further instalments, according to the provision of the royal decree number 22339/F/3 of last year, to this effect.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Assr (Afternoon)	3:53	3:51	3:23	3:08	3:32	4:00
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:20	6:18	5:49	5:34	5:58	6:26
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Locality in Taif to be demolished

RIYADH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — The Finance and National Economy Ministry announced here that demolition of the Sulaimaniya district in Taif will start within a few days. The ministry said in an appeal to the residents of the district that the Taif Governorate has instructed concerned departments to cut off electricity, water and telephone services from the Sulaimaniya district as of Wednesday.

The ministry called on all residents of the district, who had not received their compensation, to call on the payments committee of Taif Municipality.

Will submit report to King

Abdul Ilah ends 6-week tour

QASIM, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Qasim Governor Prince Abdul Ilah concluded a six-week tour of this region which took him to about 200 villages to inspect the needs of citizens for public services.

Prince Abdul Ilah said Monday that King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah had instructed him to make the tour, out of their keen desire to follow up the conditions of citizens and provide them with all services and care.

He stressed the success of the tour and said that he had closely followed the needs of

residents in the Qasim region for some necessary services. The visits provided for field inspection on the progress of work "which is complementary to the official's office work," he added.

Prince Abdul Ilah said he will strive to realize the requirements of the region's villages during a visit to Riyadh next week. He will submit a report to the King on his tour and also meet with officials of all ministries to discuss Qasim residents' requirements and to pursue projects already allocated.

The governor had toured the region holding meetings with citizens in the villages.

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On ceasefire, autonomy

Habib, Fairbanks to open negotiations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — The United States government is dispatching two special envoys to the Middle East in hopes they can shore up the shaky ceasefire in Lebanon and make progress in deadlocked negotiations over Palestinian autonomy. The envoys are Philip Habib, who mediated the Lebanese ceasefire last summer, and Richard Fairbanks, the newly appointed Palestinian autonomy negotiator.

(According to the Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, Fairbanks will arrive in Cairo next Monday. Ali was quoted by Cairo newspaper Monday as saying that Fairbanks' visit will last four days. The American is to visit Israel before coming to Egypt, according to Ali.) The two mission come at a delicate time.

The U.S. government is nervous about possible Israeli intervention in Lebanon to counter an alleged buildup of units of the Palestine Liberation Organization. And it is eager to make as much progress as possible in the Palestinian autonomy issue before April 25, when Israel is scheduled to end its military occupation of the Sinai desert and hand the last remaining sector back to Egypt.

The visits are taking place with a backdrop of Israeli concern over the longstanding U.S.

commitment to Israel in the wake of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's visit to three Arab capitals last week. That concern stems partially from statements by a senior U.S. official on that trip that the United States needs to balance its policies in the region by cementing relations with Arab states.

Officials in Israel have objected specifically to Weinberger's attempt to conclude an arms deal with Jordan before he returned to Washington Saturday evening.

A U.S. official said the United States could not afford to be held "hostage" to Israel.

The ceasefire in Southern Lebanon between Israel and the PLO has held since Habib pieced it together last July 24. But Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has warned that Israel will not tolerate further raids such as the one launched across the Jordan River by the PLO Jan. 30.

Israeli troops have been concentrated in the area ever since Israel annexed the Golan Heights, a Syrian-owned sector which Israel occupied during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Diplomatic sources have said U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig asked Israel for restraint and promised that Habib will strive for reducing the possibility of ceasefire violations.

While Habib is a Middle East veteran, Fairbanks, who most recently was assistant secretary of state for congressional relations, has no previous experience in the area. Fairbanks says he was tapped to try to expedite the tangled Palestinian autonomy talks between Israel and Egypt because of his previous experience as a lawyer, not for any direct knowledge of the Middle East.

"He's going to put forth, as a full partner in this process, ideas and suggestions that we have that might provide solutions to existing differences," Haig said earlier this month. Haig said Fairbanks will carry with him "no made-in-America" formula or solution and no deadlines.

Qatar ruler begins talks in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Feb. 15 (AP) — The ruler of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, who arrived Monday for a three-day visit, began solidarity talks with the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

Sheikh Khalifa said in an arrival statement that his talks will deal mainly with means of maintaining stability and security in the Gulf region. The talks, he said, also will deal with bilateral relations between Kuwait and Qatar and conditions in Islamic countries.



LONDON PROTEST: Muslim Iranian students protested in London against the Khomeini regime in Iran this week, distributing leaflets which said thousands of people were being tortured and killed in the country. Picture shows groups of persons said to have died at the hands of the government and pictures of tortured victims.

Velayati's Algiers trip seen as peace move

ALGIERS, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati's official visit to Algeria appears to be a first step in setting up indirect negotiations to end the Iran-Iraq war, sources in Algiers said Monday.

In a brief arrival statement Sunday, Velayati said Algeria and Iran should act "in concert" to solve international problems, but he made no mention of the war, which has dragged on for more than a year with neither side making any dramatic headway.

In 1975, Iraq and Iran, then under the reign of the late Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, signed an agreement in Algiers to submit all territorial disputes to arbitration by a neutral third party. Iraq declared the Algiers accords null and void at the beginning of the war.

Algerian President Chadli Benjedid has warned that the conflict could spread to other

countries or lead to "foreign intervention." Informed sources in Algiers said Algeria would be ready to try to mediate an end to the war "if both sides request it."

Meanwhile, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan was quoted as saying in Beirut Monday that Iraq now has 400,000 fully-trained soldiers in its auxiliary "people's army."

The auxiliary militia is separate from a regular army estimated to number 250,000

officers and men. At the start of its Gulf war with Iran, Iraqi officials said the people's army had 230,000 men at its disposal.

Ramadan, who is also commander of the militia, was quoted in an interview with a London-based Arabic magazine as saying that 55,000 of his auxiliaries fought on the front at a time. They served at the front for three months and were then replaced. Ten thousand volunteers from other Arab countries were fighting on Iraq's side.

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Mubarak begins visit to Oman today

CAIRO, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak leaves for Oman Tuesday on a two-day visit, his first to an Arab country since assuming power last October after the assassination of former President Anwar Sadat.

Oman, Sudan and Somalia are the only three Arab states which did not sever relations with Egypt after it signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979 which the rest of the Arab world rejected. The three, along with Egypt, have also offered the U.S. military facilities for its Rapid Deployment Force.

Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali told reporters the visit was within the framework of consultations with Arab countries which have relations with Egypt.

Mubarak is expected to discuss with Oman's Sultan Qaboos the outcome of his recent visits to Italy, France, the U.S., Britain, West Germany and Austria.

During his visit to Washington, the 53-year-old leader said the Palestinian problem was the key to Middle East peace and that the Palestinians should not be denied the right to a "national entity."

Reports said Oman is not just a "sure friend," as the Cairo press points out, but is well placed to act as a "relay" between Egypt and the other Arab states, especially with the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai only two months away and Cairo having begun mending fences with some Arab governments. Reliable sources here say that Oman has offered these mediation services on several occasions, and they have become particularly important since President Mubarak has said publicly he has no desire for future conflict as he negotiates reentry into the Afro-Asian community.

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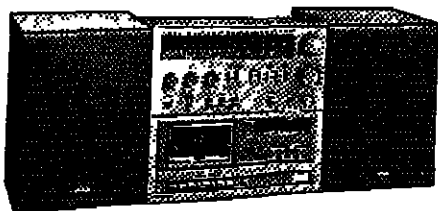
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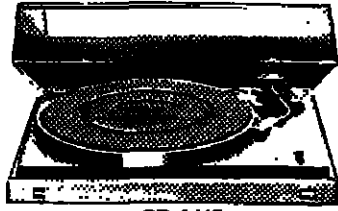
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On southern Lebanon

Israeli attack imminent--PLO

BEIRUT, Feb. 15 (AP) — Palestinian leader, predicting an imminent Israeli attack on southern Lebanon, said the Palestine Liberation Organization had "intricate details" of recent Israeli moves in preparation for such an attack, according to Lebanese newspapers Monday.

Abu Zaim, security chief of Fateh, the PLO's largest commando group, said in an interview with the Lebanese news agency Sunday that "all signs indicate the date of an Israeli military operation against southern Lebanon is close." The interview was reproduced by most Lebanese newspapers Monday.

He added that data collected by Fateh's security branch revealed that Israel had ordered "a mass mobilization which began on Feb. 10 and ended Sunday, especially the armored brigades, the navy and the air force."

Abu Zaim spoke of Israeli troop movements along the Lebanese border, especially around Safad in northern Palestine. He also said that Israeli chief of intelligence Gen. Yehoshua Sagui, had carried the details of the Israeli plan to Washington.

Abu Zaim, however, reaffirmed the PLO's adherence to the July 24 ceasefire which was mediated jointly by the United States and the United Nations, but added the nationalist Palestinian forces were ready to "confront and foil any Israeli aggression."

The Palestinian warning came as a national Lebanese newspaper published what it said was the text of a Lebanese working paper

which is to be presented to an Arab subcommittee on southern Lebanon. The committee, made up of Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, the PLO and chaired by Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi, was meeting in Tunis Monday to define a unified Arab strategy on southern Lebanon.

The paper, as published by *As-Safir* newspaper, contains speculation on possible Israeli moves into southern Lebanon and delineates a plan of Arab action to curb the activities of Palestinian commandos and their Lebanese allies, who are the main targets of Israeli attacks. The plan would be in coordination with other Arab armies and the United Nations forces in Lebanon.

The formula also calls for the deployment of the Lebanese army in southern Lebanon

and other "vital" Lebanese regions, and the creation of a defensive Lebanese force from southern Lebanon.

According to *As-Safir*, the paper noted that Israel is bent on "striking strategic and tactical targets and to overrun southern Lebanon as far as the Litani River with the aim of annexing it." It also warns that Israel aims at "destroying the economic and military capabilities located on its northern front, especially Syria."

Meanwhile, the PLO said here that Chairman Yasser Arafat has received an urgent letter from the British government concerning the situation in southern Lebanon. The PLO official, who declined to be identified, said the letter was delivered to Arafat by British Ambassador John Roberts. It did not elaborate.

Golan family visits canceled

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15 (AP) — Israeli authorities in the recently-annexed Golan Heights canceled routine family visits Monday between Golan Druse Arabs and their Syrian relatives while a general strike in Druse towns protesting Israeli rule entered its second day.

Sources in the North said a group of 11 Druse students who were to cross into Syria to attend the university also were turned

back by the Israeli officials.

Golan residents declared a general strike Sunday to protest the arrest of four leaders who opposed Israeli rule. The four, who include a former member of the Syrian parliament, were arrested over the weekend.

Druse residents of the territory occupied from Syria in 1967 have vowed to continue the strike until the four are released.

Iran expels Japanese correspondent

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (R) — Kunihiko Suzuki, the resident correspondent of Japan's Kyodo News Service in Tehran, left Iran Monday after being ordered out by the Iranian government, Kyodo said.

It said: "The Iranian government ordered the closure of the Kyodo Bureau in Tehran and withdrawal of the correspondent from the country last month on the grounds that Kyodo had falsely reported Iranian requests for emergency loans from Japanese and West

European banks." It added that "Kyodo News Service has since made efforts and plans to continue efforts to solve the problem through talks with Iranian ambassador in Tokyo Ghassem Salehkhah."

Suzuki is the first Japanese journalist expelled from Tehran. Since the 1979, the Iranian authorities have ordered the closure of the Tehran bureaus of major Western news agencies for alleged distortion of news.

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of the Israeli-backed Christian Militia forces in Southern Lebanon, was in an Israeli hospital Monday suffering from exhaustion.

BONN, (AFP) — Twenty-five Iranian students began an unlimited hunger strike here Monday in protest against executions in Iran, the Association of Muslim Students in West Germany announced.

BEIRUT, (AP) — A powerful bomb exploded Sunday night in the Central district of West Beirut shattering glasses but causing no injuries. The explosion occurred shortly after midnight wrecking a carpet store and several cars parked outside one of west Beirut's most fashionable clubs, where a party was in full swing. A Lebanese policeman who requested anonymity said the bomb weighed an estimated 10 kgs.

Begin says arms to Jordan violates superiority vow

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15 (AP) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin said Monday the sale of U.S. anti-aircraft missiles and F-16 fighter planes to Jordan would violate a pledge from President Ronald Reagan to preserve Israel's military advantage over the Arabs.

Speaking in parliament, Begin said the possible package of arms to Jordan, now in its early stages of consideration, would neutralize the deterrent power of Israel's Air Force. Begin called for a united front in the Knesset, the 120-member parliament, to back a resolution condemning the idea of the sale. The opposition Labor Party, except for a few left-wing members, planned to support the resolution due to be voted on later Monday.

Speaking from a wheelchair as he continues recovering from a broken hip joint, Begin recalled that Reagan had promised last September to maintain Israel's qualitative edge over the Arab armies. Begin moved quickly to express alarm following reports from Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's visit to Jordan last week that Washington might sell Jordan Mobile Hawk anti-aircraft missiles and F-16 planes.

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EGYPT'S JUDICIARY

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This tradition is so deeprooted that it has extended to the military court where those accused of killing the late President Anwar Sadat are being tried. What many expected to be merely a show trial has developed into a real legal confrontation, in which the defense has been given all the rights and privileges of a civil court.

One of the main strategies of the defense has been to raise almost the whole of the history of the Sadat era before the court, in an attempt to justify the action of their clients. The court has allowed this, objecting only when the issues raised are deemed too personal to merit consideration. The accused too have been granted their full say, and full access to their lawyers was allowed inside as well as outside the court.

A recent incident illustrated fully the court's atmosphere. Two officers of the secret police attending the sitting were recognized by the prisoners, who immediately objected to their presence. One of the lawyers went so far as to grapple with the two officers who, according to him, were not entitled to attend the court as their presence might constitute intimidation of the prisoners. The court saw the point and ordered the two men out.

Such action on the part of the court was seen by most Egyptians as normal as the judiciary having been always most insistent on its independence from both political and administrative pressure.

Saudi Arabian press review

The outcome of the emergency meeting of the Arab foreign ministers in Tunis and U.S.-Saudi relations figured for editorial comments in Monday's newspapers.

Al Madinah praised the success of the Arab foreign ministers in achieving a unified stance toward issues of common destiny. It regretted the impact of Zionist influence on U.S. foreign policy and the destruction of American interests in the Arab and Islamic world as a result of the blind support to the Zionist state.

The paper expressed the hope the seven-man ministerial committee, set up by the conference, will succeed in following up the U.N. sanctions resolution against Israel for its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights. It also hoped the committee will reassess the Arab world's relations with the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc "since the expansionist Soviet ambitions in the region are similar to the Arabs in the U.N."

Al Bilad praised the resolutions issued by the Arab foreign ministers and said they were in harmony with the collective Arab strategy for confronting the challenges imposed by Israel and its supporters. The seriousness and unanimous stand taken by the Arab foreign ministers reflected the Arabs' determination to enhance their struggle against the Israelis, the paper said.

Okaz said the Tunis decisions have shown Arab maturity and wisdom in handling international issues. The decisions came as a

snub to Israel, it added. The paper called on the Arab states to intensify efforts for promoting their relations with the Third World countries and expose the falsehood of Zionist claims, particularly in the U.S. and Western countries. It also praised the formation of the seven-man committee to reassess the Arab world's relations with countries which failed to support the just Arab cause in the U.N.

Al Jazirah hailed the outcome of the Arab foreign ministers meeting and described the strategy worked out by the ministers as a prelude for a unified Arab stance on future Arab relations with pro-Israel states. The paper urged the seven-man committee also to reconsider the Arab world's relations with the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc "since the expansionist Soviet ambitions in the region are similar to the Arabs in the U.N."

Al Jazirah advised Arab countries to unify their stance and mobilize their potentials "so as to create a unified and solid Arab front capable of facing Israel and the superpowers' challenges."

Al Riyadh deplored the psychological campaign circulated by the heroes of war of words on U.S.-Saudi Arabian relations and advised them to adhere to logic. The paper noted that the Kingdom is the only country in the Third World which is sticking to a sound policy based on the values and principles of Islam. (SPA)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is an interview with Professor Michael W. Suleiman, who heads the political science department of Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. Professor Suleiman has studied for more than a decade the American mass media as it relates to Arabs and Israelis. Born in Tiberias, Palestine, Suleiman received his doctorate's degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He has done field research in Morocco, Sudan, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Syria, and has taught in England and Switzerland. He has written and lectured widely on the subject of American images of Arabs and Israelis, and how the stereotyping of Arabs affects American policies in the Middle East.)

By Grace Halsell
Washington Bureau

Q. Someone has suggested the Zionists gain more victories through propaganda warfare than on the battlefield. Would you agree?

A. The Israelis have had a tremendous success in defining the Arab-Israeli conflict in their own terms and having these accepted by Americans. When the background to the Arab-Israeli conflict is discussed, for instance, Americans have been conditioned to see Jews in Israel as the victims of persecution, while they are conditioned to view Palestinian Arabs merely as victims of circumstance. For the Americans, conditioned as they are by the Zionist press, the suffering of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution because there appears to be no identifiable source of oppression for the Palestinians. Certainly it cannot be the Israelis, since, in the mass American media, they are presented as the people who want peace and justice.

Q. Is there a greater awareness of how widespread the stereotyping of Arabs is in the United States?

A. No questions about it: there is a greater awareness in the U.S. that this is indeed a problem, that something needs to be done about it. It is reflected in Islam Centennial 14 and reflected also by various scholars holding discussions on Orientalism. An article in *TV guide* dealt with why you do not see Palestinians in the American news reports.

Q. Perhaps making Palestinians invisible is worse than stereotyping?

A. Yes, correct. Articles on Palestinians have often attempted to make non-entities and non-human a whole people. Palestinians do not exist as former Israeli premier Golda Meir has asserted.

Q. Is the climate regarding the stereotyping of Arabs in the United States changing?

A. As far as public opinion is concerned, there has not been a major shift to greater sympathy toward the Arabs, but there has been an erosion of support and sympathy for Israel. In other words, the loss of support for Israel does not translate automatically into support for the Arab states. It did for a while translate into a strong support for the late President Sadat but even then it really did not become support for Egypt in general or for the Arab countries in general. Newspapers, magazines, radio and TV coverage indicate that many Americans feel fed up with the Israelis and especially with Begin. They say: "Who do the Israelis think they are?" and "We have interests that are purely American interests and maybe they conflict with Israeli interests, and, if they do, then our interests are the ones that become paramount."

The Americans are beginning to realize that Begin and the Israelis have gone too far. In speaking engagements, when I used to say that the Israeli settlements in occupied Palestine were not just for show, that the Israelis were putting them there to stay, the response was skeptical from most Americans. They felt the Israelis were going to use them as leverage in future negotiations, but now the Americans have awakened to the fact that indeed the Israelis want to stay and that Begin has no intention of giving up that land.

I wish I could say that the small transformation has come about as a result of a determined effort on the part of Arabs to change the image. That has played a small part, but what really made the difference is the beginning of a realization on the part of the last two or three U.S. administrations that American interests and Israeli interests are not the same. If American interests dictate Americans be friends with one or more key Arab states — indeed a lot more, but at least two key states — then Americans need to look upon Arabs as friends, and they need to change the image they have of them.

After Nixon's visit to Egypt, when Sadat was beginning to show signs that he really wanted to be a friend of the United States — in fact going out of his

way to say, in essence I will be your agent. I can do your work in the area, just as well as Israel — once the Nixon administration realized that this was taking place, among the first agreements that were signed was one that said the United States would look at elementary, junior high and high school text books as well as social science books — to see what images America was giving its children of Egypt and Egyptians. The U.S. study was presented to the State Department to show various stereotypes and distortions. Clearly there was a realization that something had to be done. I am relating this to make one point: I believe it was a decision on the part of the United States government that Egyptians are our friends, therefore we better change our view of them. This is different from the idea that you change your views and then you become friends. It is not the image that comes first, it is the interests. And the decision comes on the highest level: that certain people are going to be our friends.

Q. You say, "opinion follows policy." How much of America's policy toward Arabs is determined by non-Jews in Washington and how much is determined by the Israelis?

A. There are two theories about this. One is that the United States as a result of a democratic political system is manipulated by certain groups such as the Israeli lobby that has become very influential and is able to pressure Americans to endorse policies supportive of Israel. The other theory says that the United States is an imperialist power and that it is using the Israelis for its imperialistic design. I do not subscribe to either theory.

I believe that the United States has tremendous national interests in the Middle East, and that these interests, since the creation of Israel have been supported and protected by a country like Israel doing the United States a service in the area. But Israel was not the only country, certainly Iran under the Shah was such a country. And also various Arab countries at certain times played such a role. But the United States is now getting to the point where many believe it must maintain close ties and friendship with certain key Arab states and that therefore it needs to be slightly dissociated from Israel — not to be so close. This is the main concern that Israel has: that it is beginning to lose its special relationship with the United States, and that America's image of the Arabs is going to improve, and that Israel is going to be competing with Arabs for favors from the United States.

The United States did not support Zionism until after Israel was founded. Zionist influence and propaganda pressured the United States from President Truman on down to vote for the partition of Palestine when many in the State and War Departments said that such a decision was not in the national interest of the United States.

But, once Israel was established and once the political system was there and amenable to manipulation by a Zionist movement, American presidents found themselves in a dilemma: they did not wish to lose elections and at the same time they wanted to do things that were in the best interests of the United States. It was then that the American administration decided that maybe it should have Israel as a friend or an agent in the area and use it for America's national interests and advancement. But now the time has come when the U.S. can say it is no longer the case that it can rely on Israel — and only on Israel.

Q. What would happen if President Reagan simply announced that the United States would recognize a Palestinian state? That is, if he suddenly made this official United States' policy?

A. As I previously pointed out, I have some studies that show that that opinion follows policy. If a high official, especially the president of the United States, says that I would like U.S. policy to be thus and so — human rights for everybody including Palestinians, for instance, then indeed he would get quite a bit of support from the public. In studies a colleague and I did in 1979, it was evident to us that after the Carter administration began to talk about a homeland for the Palestinians and the legitimate rights of the Palestinians, there was some shift in sentiment. There were more editorials that began to voice this opinion and even public opinion polls began to ask the question, What do you think about a Palestinian state? Whereas before there were no such questions, there was no such interest.

Now I believe there would be a lot of support if such an announcement is made. The administration would be aided by the fact that Begin has been such an expansionist, so aggressive and reckless in attacking

the nuclear reactor in Baghdad and on civilians in Beirut and elsewhere. Of course, he has done that before many times, but it was not so obvious, when more than 300 civilians are killed and hundreds of others injured, and it is clear to the whole world that it is an indefensible act. The administration will be aided by this kind of posture and by the lack of Israeli flexibility on the resolution of the Palestinian question. Reagan would find a consensus if he were to go to the American people and say we have been reasonable, we have tried to support the Israelis — but there are limits. And the Palestinians have a role to play. And we will now begin to talk to the Palestinians and we will recognize the PLO.

Q. And now would be a good time for Reagan to say it?

A. I think so.

Q. Isn't this what Representative McCloskey in his statements regarding cutting aid to Israel has done — assumed that the consensus is there?

A. He has put himself on the line. He has shown that his own constituents have been aware of this. He has conducted public opinion polls among his own constituents and he has shown that they did not favor tremendous budget supports for Israel, and for Israeli armaments. Also the constituents were saying "Other people have rights too, and maybe we should consider that factor and avoid a major confirmation." Senator Hatfield also has said that the Palestinians should be considered and that the U.S. is too one-sided in its support of Israel. Also Senator Percy has said the same thing, as did former Senator Stevenson.

Q. What have been the main goals of Zionists and pro-Zionists in stereotyping Arabs in America?

A. They stereotype Arabs because they do not want them to be presented as human beings. They want Americans to look down upon them. One finds the same situation with the colonialists and those who are colonized. The colonialists wanted to persuade themselves that what they were doing was right. They began by stating: I am superior to these people and that they are really not human, they are sub-human. Almost the same situation existed, through different periods of history with respect to different groups — men's view of women, the whites' view of blacks and the whites' views wherever you see dominating and dominated people.

The opposition that built up against the Shah was in direct relationship to the lack of any development so far as the average individual was concerned. There were major projects that benefited a few people and while the Shah was talking about major development, and the people saw a lot of luxury they were not the beneficiaries. The Shah's absolute control of the country, his tolerating no opposition, no disagreement of any kind, were other reasons for the opposition. People were worried about talking with anybody outside the immediate family, and even then they had some doubt. He also opposed an influential body of Muslim leaders. The masses did not care for the Shah and his policies, did not care for his close association with the West, did not care for his giving up the culture of the country in which he lived, and the fact that he was not really a practicing Muslim, in a country that is very much a Muslim country, so in the end the people were able to topple him. It was all of these oppressive measures working together.

Q. Some have written that religious fundamentalism brought about the assassination of Sadat. Is that not too simplistic?

A. Not only simplistic, but it is misleading. Here again is the question of imagery that was presented in the United States. Sadat was represented as a good Muslim, let us assume that he was. Many, quite a few in fact, inside and outside of Egypt viewed him as a very shrewd manipulator of symbolism to convey religiosity. Not that he was not necessarily a good Muslim, but he effectively conveyed an image in the West that he was very much a good Muslim and that he was instituting all kinds of reforms within the country to bring about a major change that would please the Muslim elements within the country, when in fact he did not succeed at all in persuading the Muslims, that he was working for Islam, and he certainly was not fooling very many people that Egypt was going to become a solid Muslim theocratic state.

Q. And had Begin budged, or if anything had developed for the Palestinians, the Arabs could have admitted they were wrong about Sadat?

A. I think they would have. Two factors that contributed to Sadat's unpopularity within Egypt and the Arab world and eventually contributed to

his assassination were the two allegedly close friends that he had — Israel, that is, Begin, and the American administration. It was former ambassador Hermann Eilts who said if the United States had been more forthcoming on the issue of the Palestinians and support for Sadat on the issue of the PLO, then Sadat might well be alive today. Had Begin moved honestly toward an autonomy and self-determination for Palestinians there would have been less opposition to Sadat.

Q. Earlier you said ignoring a people, pretending they were "invisible," or not really there was one of the worst kinds of racism. Can you give examples?

A. A few years ago, after I became an American citizen, I wanted to travel and submitted my papers to get my passport. There is a question on the application form that asks, Where were you born, and I wrote Tiberias, Palestine. A form letter came back from the State Department saying "It is the policy of the State Department not to mention the name of a country that does not exist. So do you want Jerusalem or Jordan as place of birth?" I thought Tiberias, Jerusalem would not make any sense. And neither did Tiberias, Jordan. But in any case, given only two choices, I wrote down Jordan, and I got the passport.

One day I was talking with a friend, also a Palestinian who is a naturalized American, and I looked at his passport and it said place of birth, Palestine. "How did you do that?" I asked. He said, "Because I am a lawyer and I know the law."

And, I said, "What law?" He then explained that a law does exist that says they have to put Palestine on the passport, if that is where you were born, but some Zionists in the State Department did not want to see the word Palestine, so they sent out the forms. My friend said, "So the next time you renew your passport, make the point." And the next time, I put Palestine down, and they wrote back saying "It is the policy of the State Department..." and I wrote back saying, "I know the law and want you to put Palestine..." and the passport came back with Palestine as my place of birth.

Of course we know that Israel deliberately never wants us to use the name of Palestine or Palestinians, that the Israelis have deliberately done away with villages in Palestine, changed the names. They do not want any reminder of Palestine and the Palestinians. As another example, when I was doing a study of American public opinion on the Middle East, I wanted to know if any surveys were made about Palestine and the Palestinians. So I went to the index and looked under Palestinians and it said, "see Jews." Even in the index, Palestinians do not exist! Yet, the Palestinians are there, the Zionists know they are there, but they wish them away. But they have not been able to wish them away.

TODAY IN HISTORY

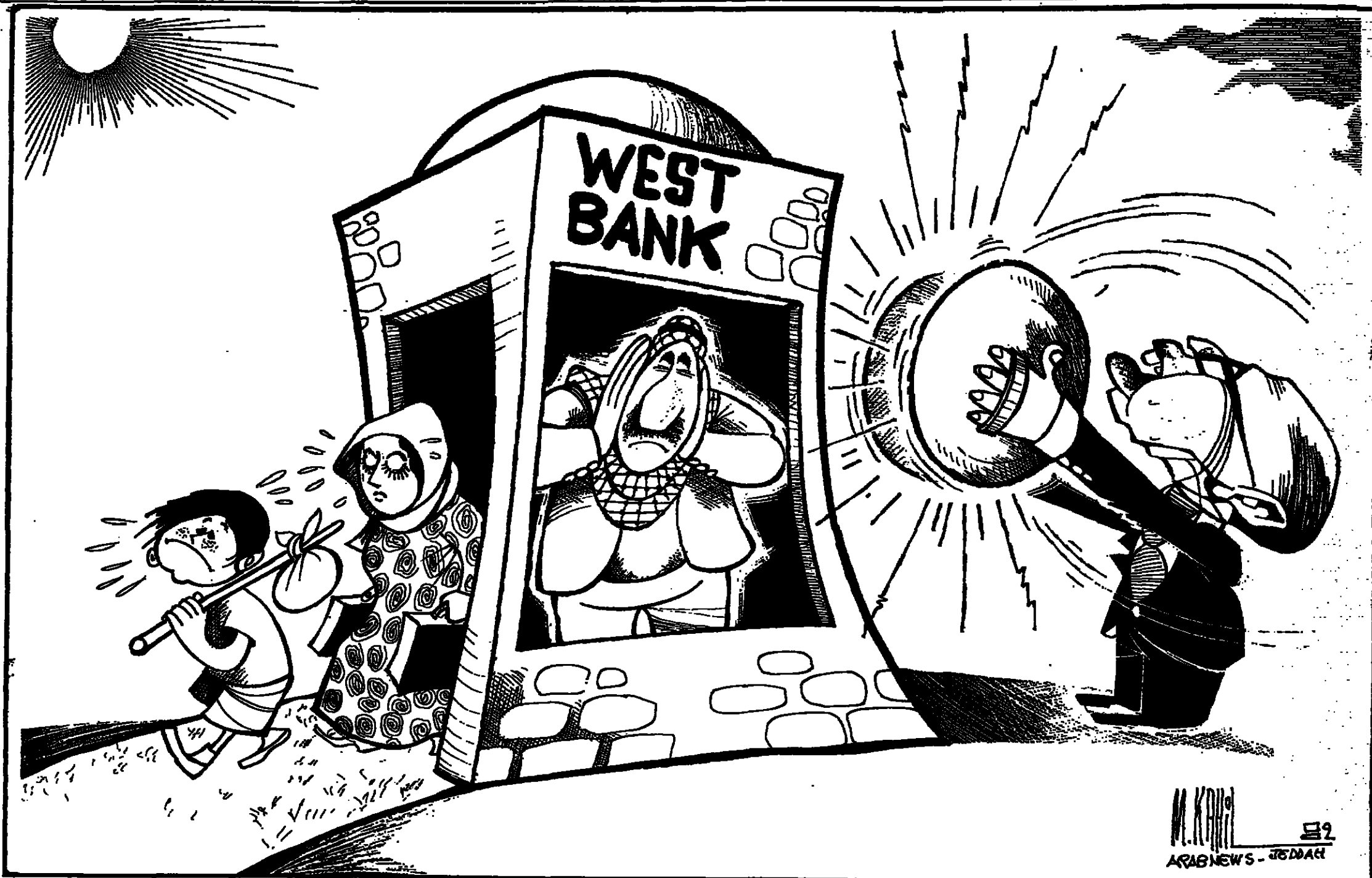
Today is Tuesday, Feb. 16th, the 47th day of 1982. There are 318 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1666 — Holland signs treaty of alliance with great elector of Brandenburg.
- 1808 — France invades Spain.
- 1871 — Franco-Prussian war ends in defeat for France.
- 1873 — Republic is proclaimed in Spain.
- 1918 — England's Port of Dover is bombarded by German submarine in World War I.
- 1933 — Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia, fearing German threats, reorganize little entente with permanent council.
- 1942 — German submarines fire on oil refineries in Aruba, Dutch West Indies, in World War II.
- 1945 — Massive U.S. air raids on Tokyo begin in World War II.
- 1959 — Fidel Castro becomes premier of Cuba.
- 1961 — Cyprus votes to apply for membership in Commonwealth.
- 1977 — Anglican archbishop of Uganda and two government ministers are arrested in alleged plot to overthrow Uganda's President Idi Amin.
- 1980 — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim prepares to name panel to investigate alleged crimes committed by the ousted Shah of Iran.

Thought for today:

We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same — Anne Frank, from the diary of a young girl.



Palestinian professor on Arab-Israeli conflict

'Americans begin to realize that Israel has gone too far'

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Lengthy training underway

European Space Agency astronauts standing by for their space time

By Jeannette Garrett
Houston Bureau

Johnson Space Centers Claude Nicollier is biding his time as one of two European Space Agency (ESA) astronauts training in the United States. Nicollier was to have been a candidate for payload specialist aboard an historic joint Euro-American mission called *Spacelab-1*. A manned laboratory, built and paid for by the 10 member-countries of ESA, *Spacelab* will be carried on board the space shuttle's cargo bay on selected scientific flights, initially lasting a week. The payload specialist's responsibility on the flight is confined to conducting checks and observations on the experiments on board and involves no operation of the shuttle system itself.

Representing the Europeans' first entry into the manned space program, *Spacelab-1*, carrying a half-European, half-American payload, is scheduled for the shuttle's ninth mission, in September 1983, with two pilots, two mission specialists and one payload specialist from the U.S., and one payload specialist from Europe.

After delays with the development of *Spacelab* (it was originally scheduled to fly in 1980) and similar delays with the space shuttle, ESA contracted with NASA and the Johnson Space Center (JSC) to extend the training of Nicollier and fellow European Wubbo Ockels to include instruction in becoming mission specialists. After the first year was up, in 1981 however, ESA had to withdraw one of the astronauts from *Spacelab* training so he could devote his full time to mission specialist training.

The choice was left up to Nicollier and Ockels. "If you don't decide yourselves, we'll decide for you by tossing a coin," ESA told them.

It was a trade-off situation. The payload specialist would have a relatively early flight opportunity, only a year and a half off, and the status and the subsequent attention of being a crewmember aboard the first *Spacelab* flight. The mission specialist would receive more training, but fly on a much later flight, and only on a shuttle mission that carried a European payload.

Though he made his decision rather quickly, Nicollier still found it difficult to give up the *Spacelab* mission, especially since, as the only French-speaking crew member he had an exceptionally good working relationship with the principal scientific investigators, many of whom are French-speaking. But becoming a mission specialist came closer to meeting Nicollier's objectives.

"My dream is to become an astronaut pilot someday, and there was no doubt that I was getting closer to my faraway objective in choosing this route rather than staying a payload specialist," Nicollier says.

So now Nicollier trains and waits for a flight that will be at least three or four years away. When a flight is that far that will be at least three or four years away. When a flight is that far off, the hours a mission specialist spends in a space suit in the gravity-free environment of a mission simulator at JSC represent only a small part of his overall training. Nicollier spends most of his days dressed in slacks and a sweater, working in more mundane surroundings, at what is essentially a desk job.

After the first year of basic training, mission specialists work on specific individual assignments handed out by the astronaut office. His first task was to critically review NASA's flight test requirements, from the perspective of the crew. Now he's studying the shuttle's navigation system. The assignments are changed every six months or so, but during that time mission specialists become experts in that particular phase of the shuttle's system, and whenever a fellow trainee or NASA engineer has a question they simply go ask "mission specialist x." About 60 percent of Nicollier's time is spent learning about his assignment, attending meetings, talking to NASA engineers of reading text books.

Only about 15 percent of his time is allotted to training in the mission simulator a two-hour session a week, which usually involves a one-day preparation. What he learns during these sessions is exactly what pilot candidates learn — how to operate the shuttle's cockpit system.

The remainder of his training time is scheduled for basic flight training in a T-38 jet. He gets in an average of one hour flying



CLAUDE NICOLLIER: One of two European scientists training in the United States, Claude Nicollier takes a pause at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

time every two days, about 15 hours a month. Unlike many of the 19 American astronaut candidates in the group that Nicollier trained with, he had not always wanted to become an astronaut. In the first place, his small hometown of Vevey, Switzerland, population 25,000, did not seem a propitious starting place, given the predominance of the United States and Soviet Union in the space program.

And it wasn't that Nicollier had grown up with the space program. He was 17 when Yuri Gagarin made the first manned orbital flight in 1961. But as he developed an interest in aviation and astrophysics, the young Swiss followed with interest the growing Soviet and American space programs in the late 1960s. "I was fascinated by it, but I didn't think by that time that I could become an astronaut because it seemed on one hand that you had to be a citizen in one of these big countries doing space research and on the other hand there was a very small group and they were test pilots. They were doing things that I had not been doing, although my interests were definitely also in that direction."

Though Nicollier hadn't grown up with the space program, he had grown up with airplanes, at least model planes, bought for him by a father who had always had the desire to be a pilot himself.

As he grew older, Nicollier's interest went much beyond what his father was expecting, and when he announced that he wanted to join the Swiss Air Force his father told him, "No, you're going too far." Nicollier is still a member of the Swiss Air Force, a reserve-type training with his squadron.

When the European news media began devoting coverage, in 1975 to *Spacelab* and the fact that as the work continued, ESA would be looking for astronauts, Nicollier recognized an opportunity to make an old dream come true.

After arming himself with degrees in physics and astrophysics, Nicollier worked as a graduate scientist with the Institute of Astronomy at lausanne University and at the Geneva Observatory doing research on the photometric classification of supergiant stars, analyzing the stars' light from remote sites in the Swiss Alps and Chile. At the end of 1976, he accepted a Fellowship at ESA's Space Science Department at Noordwijk in the Netherlands. The high point was his participation as a payload specialist in a *Spacelab* simulation mission at Ames Research Center the following year.

In 1976, Nicollier left his job as a DC-9 pilot for Swiss Air to enter ESA, knowing that the selection of three European astronauts would be made the next year.

"I put myself deliberately in a situation that would increase my chance of being chosen and it worked," Nicollier says. It was in July 1978 that ESA selected Nicollier as one of three European payload specialists to train for the *Spacelab-1* mission.

When Nicollier and his Dutch counterpart arrived at Johnson Space Center in 1980, after preliminary training in Europe, the center was in a frenzy getting ready for the first space shuttle mission. "The vehicle was a very new vehicle and I can tell you that in the months before the shuttle flight there was really frantic activity — at all levels — not only in the astronaut office, but everywhere," Nicollier recalls. "People were at the same time excited but a little anxious."

He found JSC much different from his former base in Cologne, Germany, at a center called SPICE — *Spacelab* Payload Integration and Coordination in Europe. In Germany he was part of a three-member ESA group in a larger group of Germans doing materials and aeronautical research.

\$40m wind screen needed around Calif. launch pad

By Thomas O'Toole

WASHINGTON, (WP) — The U.S. Air Force will have to build a \$40 million wind screen around its space shuttle launch pad at California's Vandenberg Air Force Base to protect the shuttle while it is being fitted with the huge external tank it carries on its way into orbit.

The Air Force is constructing a second launch complex in California to put the shuttle into the North-South, or polar, orbit. That orbit, combined with the earth's rotation, will carry it over the entire surface of the earth. Military reconnaissance satellites use this orbit, as do many weather and scientific satellites.

The shuttle cannot go into polar orbit from Cape Canaveral because of safety considerations: It would have to fly over some of the largest cities on the east coast to do so. From Vandenberg, it would be launched over the Pacific Ocean.

Hans Mark, deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, told the House Committee on Science and Technology recently that the Vandenberg wind screen will be a massive three-sided building of sheet metal surrounding the launch pad.

A little shorter than the 200-foot-tall tower, the wind screen will be fastened to the tower to shield it from the gusts that could sway it while the fuel tank is being fastened to the shuttle.

"It is essential if we are to provide an environmental shelter for mating the external tank to the shuttle," Mark testified at the committee's hearings on the NASA budget.

NASA Administrator James M. Beggs told the committee that the space agency has firm plans to buy four space shuttle orbiters, and will make a decision soon on whether to purchase a fifth to use as a backup.

"It is possible we'll ding one of these machines up from time to time," Beggs said, the first time he has mentioned such a possibility in public. "It's very important that we have a backup ready in case we have an accident. I hope we never have an accident, but there's always the chance that one will happen."

NASA officials have always worried that a shuttle craft will damage a nose wheel on landing, which would force it to make a crash landing that would seriously damage the electronics in the belly and nose of the craft. Such an accident could put a shuttle out of operation for as long as a year.

According to the shuttle environmental impact statement, winds coming off the Pacific Ocean at Point Arguello, north of Santa Barbara, where Vandenberg is located, average almost 9 mph year round.

Gusts of 47 mph are routine during January, February and March, that would be more than enough to break the connections between the shuttle and the tank and perhaps topple the tank onto the ground.

"There is a tolerance of 31 one-thousandths of an inch between the wall on the external tank and the socket on the shuttle orbiter during the mating procedure," a spokesman for the Air Force Systems Command said. "Nobody knew this tolerance even existed before the first shuttle launch from Cape Canaveral last year."



WATER SURVIVAL SCHOOL: European astronaut Claude Nicollier grabs onto the one-man life raft he is using during water survival training school. The school, attended by several Johnson Space Center personnel, was held at Homestead Air Force Base, Florida. Nicollier is one of two European astronauts training in the United States.

After the Nixon years

Ehrlichman regrets Watergate role, book throws light on what happened

By Beverly Beyette

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (LAT) — John D. Ehrlichman is a writer now, a laid-back citizen of Santa Fe, N.M., content, he says, with the "simple" pleasures — gardening, a little fishing, romping with his 15-month-old son, Michael.

Once, he was one of Washington's power elite, the somewhat portly domestic affairs adviser to President Richard M. Nixon. Ehrlichman was a man with a reputation for arrogance, by his own assessment "in many ways a person I can neither respect nor condone."

Then came Watergate, the fall from grace and power, 18 months in Federal prison on convictions for his roles in the Watergate cover-up and the White House "plumbers" incident, the break-in at the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, former psychiatrist to Pentagon papers figure Daniel Ellsberg.

Today, nine years after leaving the White House under fire, Ehrlichman still thinks of himself as a victim — "I believed all of what Richard Nixon had told me" — a man totally dedicated to, and eventually "conned" by, the president he served.

In his just-released book *Witness to Power: The Nixon Years* Ehrlichman writes about Richard Nixon and others in the cast of characters — Chief Justice Warren Burger, Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Henry Kissinger and Deep Throat.

During an interview this week in his suite at the Beverly Hills hotel, a trim John Ehrlichman, a little feisty, quick to parry, quick to laugh, talked about the Nixon years and about his life today.

He is on the book-promotion circuit, which he views as "a big pain in the neck. If I didn't have to do this as a part of what I do, life would be about a 1,000 percent better qualitatively."

Questions: From the perspective that time gives one, what do you think of Richard Nixon?

Answer: Well, in our professional relationship — which was really the only relationship we had — he was pretty good. He was like a senior partner of a firm. He backed us up. He was a pretty good administrator. He had good follow-up. When you told him that you had to have an answer to an issue paper, he'd work nights to get that answer out for you. He was loyal to the staff system so that people didn't end-run us very often. Those are all things that I appreciated a lot. When the fellow jumps over your system and has the Chamber of Commerce in or something, why, it can be very discouraging.

In other areas, he left a good deal to be desired. He had some real flat sides to his wheel, you know, and he was an odd sort of fellow.

Q: What comes across in the book is that you saw him a petty man, as a cold man, as a bigot. I mean, these are not lovable traits ...

A: No, of course not, and fortunately I wasn't asked to love him. You know, that wasn't part of the job. Nor was I asked to drop around the house for dinner or otherwise socialize with him. I think that would have been something I'd have had to ask for extra pay for.

His relationship with his family left a lot to be desired. (Ehrlichman writes, "the women of his family were a part of his political scenery. He saw their roles as ancillary of his ...") But there's an awful lot of real nonsense being written about this guy. At the same time that he was a bigot in his heart of hearts, in the sense that he thought blacks were genetically inferior, he was carrying on the most comprehensive desegregation program the South had ever seen. It's not possible to understand Richard Nixon in one dimension. He's very paradoxical, complex, and I have not tried to pull this all together in a neat bow.

Q: Were there signs early on that maybe he was mentally not quite in balance?

A: No, no, and I don't suggest that. I know Woodward and Bernstein argue that. The things they wrote about all happened in a time I wasn't around there, so I can't say that

they're dead wrong, but I sure didn't see any sign of imbalance. A very odd duck ... He's not the boy next door.

Q: You write that between 1969 and 1973 Nixon became "a different person." How?

A: He changed a lot. When he sat down there the first day he was very presidential. He had a sense of direction, where he wanted to take the country, and a mandate. He wheeled the Congress. He was really in command. By 1973 he was beleaguered, he hadn't had a press conference in generations, he was very much a different person. He'd lost his sense of direction, he'd lost his political instincts in large measure, he'd lost his ability to deal with the press in an effective way. So, it was a very marked change.

Q: Do you see any parallels with what's happening now with the Reagan administration?

A: Some, yes. I see signs, like the two most recent ones — the school desegregation-tax exemption issue and this business with the revenue side of the budget, which I simply don't understand at all. That's an issue that we used to settle back around Labor Day. You've got to know how much you've got coming in, what your tax structure's going to be. When you get that settled, then you turn to the expenditure side. I never saw it done the other way around and that all goes to this business of whether he's loyal to the staff system and whether there is a staff system and how it's working.

Q: You are not particularly charitable to some of the people in the Nixon White House cast. Spiro Agnew is portrayed as an oaf, Dan Rather as "just lazy," Henry Kissinger as power-mad and maybe a little unbalanced ...

A: Not power-mad, do you think? And I don't argue that he was mentally unbalanced.

Water purifier is in a straw

By a science correspondent

LONDON — A do-it-yourself one-sip action will make dubious water drinkable with an ingenious new mini water purifier built into a straw. The Pocket Purifier turns bacteriologically contaminated water into water safe for drinking.

The straw is packed with iodine resin, carbon and three filters, working together to produce microbiologically potable water from any non-saline source.

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Life is cold in Jubail

By Sonny Rubio

JUBAIL — This may not be the Kingdom's summer capital, but by far it is the coldest in the country, for the mercury would drop down to 8c and only recently, the wind went as high as 30 knots per hour.

Expatriate workers who have been to Jeddah, Taif and Riyadh say it's not too cold down there. The weather is just like Bangkok, Malaysia or Singapore or that of Baguio, a City in the Philippines known for its cold atmosphere. And by that we mean, the mercury never gets to below 16c. The weather in Jubail is extremely cold, and only last year it was foggy all over, now it has rained for two days, though it was only drizzling, it was awfully cold.

Foreigners who are used to cold climates like Europe, Korea, and Japan where it often snows, are strolling through Jubail with sweat shirts and winter jackets covering their long jones pajamas the same way they do in their cold country, proof of how cold this place is.

It's not extremely hot during summer either, because people do not suffer from nose bleeds during this season. One expat-

I think it's important that Nixon thought that he ought to have some (psychiatric) care, because that speaks a lot about their relationship. I think it's important to understand the Nixon-Kissinger relationship. Henry is well able to handle the affirmative side of his case, but there is another side.

Q: It is interesting that you say the president wanted everything taped so that historians would not give Kissinger credit for the foreign policy initiatives of the Nixon administration.

A: I have that secondhand, (former chief of staff H.R.) Haldeman's explanation. I was upset because I didn't know there was a Taping system and I felt entitled to an explanation.

Q: A lot of critics have felt that your book is self-serving and maybe even vengeful.

A: Not at all vengeful, admittedly self-serving. I wrote it as I saw things and if it makes it self-serving, then that's what it is. I didn't do it for any purpose of cleaning up my act. I wrote the book basically for two reasons — one, I had a publisher on my back and they poured a certain amount of money in my hat. But there's also the fact that I was sitting at a certain place at a certain time and I thought it was more or less incumbent upon me to leave some sort of a memorandum of some of the things I had seen.

Q: Do you consider the book an apology of sorts?

A: No, not really. To the extent that it illuminates my short-comings, so be it. But I didn't write it as an apologetic certainly.

Q: Was there any thought of getting even with anybody or putting blame on someone else?

A: No. If blame falls on anybody it falls on us all. Since this stuff does not come out of a twisted recollection, but right out of contemporary notes, 90 percent of it, I can say with a degree of assurance that what happened, happened.

Q: You conclude in the book, "I was in many ways a person I can neither respect nor condone." How do you see yourself today?

A: I'm keeping a lot closer track of myself. I'm applying that test on kind of a daily basis, calling myself to account regularly and asking myself whether I approve of me. I'm really trying to stay in touch with my feelings about myself, which I never used to do.

Q: Well, do you approve of yourself?

A: Not 100 percent, no. I've got a way to go and then some, but I'm certainly a great deal more content than I was about the life that I'm leading and how I'm leading it. The best thing I have going for myself is that I'm a cottage industry. I'm not accountable to anybody else. I don't join any committees. I'm not on anybody's boards.

riate claimed he would prefer the cold season to summer, though many like hot better than cold weather.

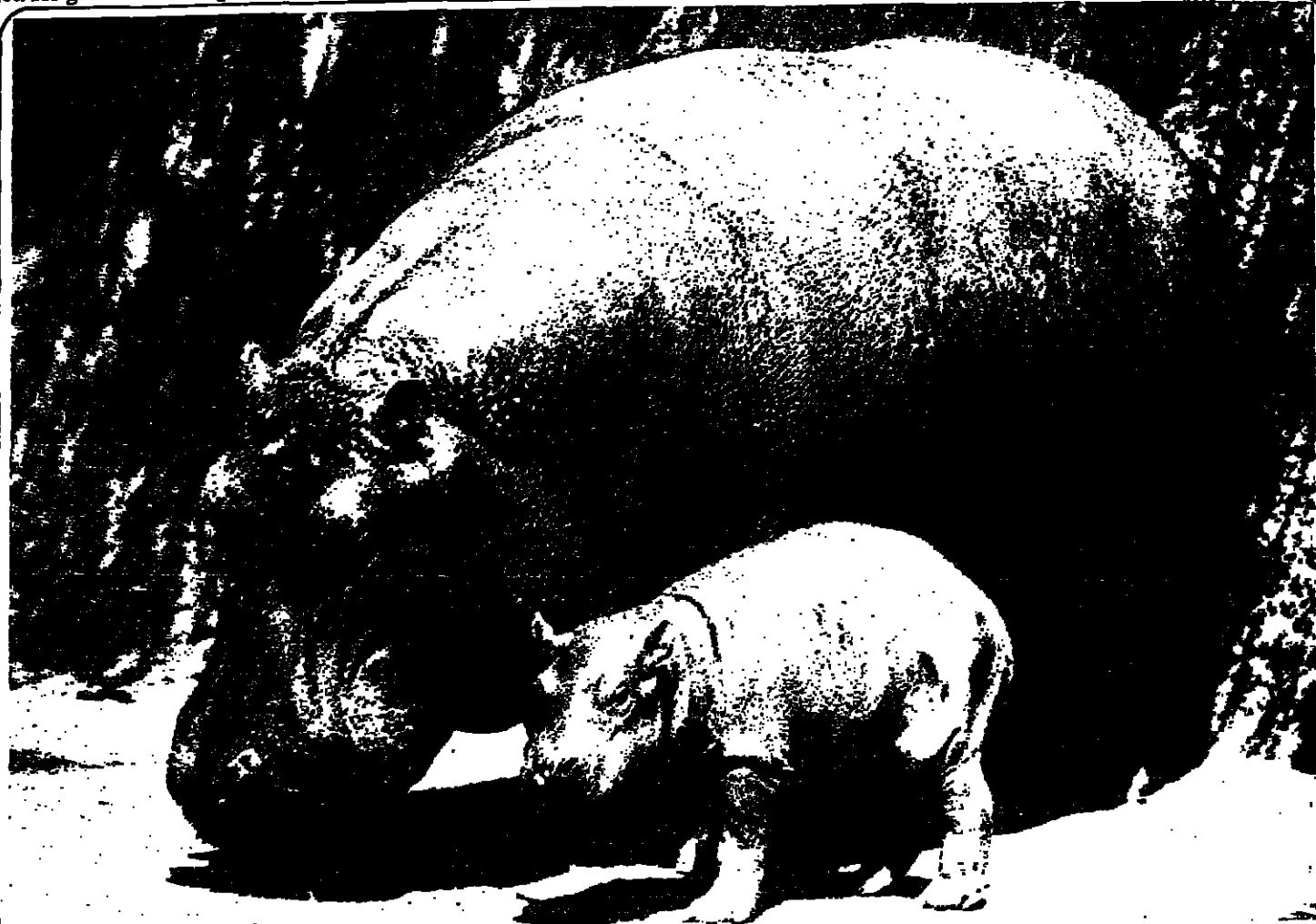
"In winter, wherever you hide to keep warm the cold air still would come in" ... claimed another who prefers summer to the cold season. During the hot season, he added, all tropical diseases are gone.

Jubail, in the Eastern Province of the Kingdom is an up coming metropolis of 350,000 people including expatriates. This was a fishing village, according to old inhabitants of this place.

From a simple village, it has been transformed into a commercial town complete with a first class hotel to cater to transients and tourists, two hospitals, a grocery, dry goods and sea food sections, and large super markets.

For sun lovers and beach comers, there is Waikiki Beach to offer cottages at cheap per day rates to enjoy the lovely beaches in Jubail during the hot summers.

Meanwhile, cold may remain here through April because the Jubail is surrounded with blue salty waters, which is why a lot of people like Fishing for grouper, sailfish and other aquatic animals.



IN FINE CONDITION: Zoo keepers are excited about the successful birth of a baby Nile River hippopotamus which was recently born at the Los Angeles Zoo. The baby weighed in at 100 pounds at birth.

In getting missile approval

German 'think tank' notes NATO failure

MUNICH, West Germany, Feb. 15 (AP) — The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has lost the war of words over placing American Pershing and Cruise missiles in Europe, the West German defense policy "think tank" Wehrkund Gesellschaft concluded at its annual session this weekend.

Growing European neutralist and pacifist

Drought hits New Zealand

WELLINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — Large areas of New Zealand are in the grip of a serious drought, with the area around the capital, Wellington, experiencing its second driest summer in 120 years.

Fire services rate the fire danger in central New Zealand as extreme and have banned all fires in the open. Forests are reported to be "explosive" and tinder dry, with forest gangs no longer working in them.

The country's 1,200 forest fire fighters are on permanent standby and northwest winds in parts of the south island have driven day-time temperatures to 40 degrees Celsius.

The Wellington region has had only 13 millimeters of rain in the past 53 days, a rainfall total only one-tenth the normal. Plant experts say 43 of those days have not provided sufficient moisture for plant growth.

Urban fire services in the capital have warned the public at large that any fire represents a danger to property, and have instructed them to make immediate emergency center calls if any smoke is seen.

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Ex-editor attacks transfer of ownership titles

Murdoch said planning to shut Times

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP) — Former Times of London editor Sir William Rees-Mogg on Sunday accused publisher Rupert Murdoch of planning to shut down the famous newspaper and its sister paper, *The Sunday Times*, while keeping the ownership of the titles.

In a letter to British Trade Secretary John Biffen, Rees-Mogg dubbed as illegal the controversial transfer by Murdoch of the ownership of the two newspaper titles from Times Newspapers Ltd. to the parent company, News International, which also owns two other British national newspapers.

The decision to transfer the titles was reportedly taken at a meeting of Times newspapers directors at the end of last year. But it emerged only last week after Murdoch said he will close the heavily losing newspapers unless unions agree to slashing the payroll by 25 percent, mainly among clerical staff, by the end of this week.

The newspapers' six independent national directors, appointed when Murdoch bought the two newspapers a year ago, as "watchdogs" to his guarantees of editorial independence said they were not consulted about the change.

Murdoch bought the newspapers a month ahead of a shutdown closure by the previous owners, the Toronto-based Thomson Organization, on grounds it could no longer

stand the heavy losses.

The state-fund Monopolies Commission, empowered under the Fair Trading Act to investigate all transfers of major newspapers, recommended government approval of the deal on stringent conditions, which included the appointment of independent national directors.

Approval of the independent directors, who sit on a separate board, is necessary before Murdoch, head of a press and television empire stretching from Australia to the United States, can sell "or otherwise dispose" of the newspapers.

In a statement published in *The Sunday Times*, Murdoch said the "transfer was done to protect the titles" after legal advice. He added: "it does not in any way affect either the control of these newspapers or the guarantees of editorial independence."

The Times itself as well as other rival national newspapers carried the transfer story on Saturday. *The Times* said the move could be seen as increasing Murdoch's "leverage" in his demand for 600 jobs cuts from the newspapers' 2,600-strong payroll.

"One consequence is that he could retain the titles after closing the newspapers and liquidating Times national newspapers," said *The Times* story.

Murdoch issued the latest closure ultimatum last Monday, saying the heavily

over-manned newspapers were "bleeding to death," and would lose 13 million pounds (\$27.75 million) this year, putting the whole News International group in the red.

Murdoch said he will close the 197-year-old *Times*, flagship of the British press, and *The Sunday Times*, first published in 1822, but never sell them. Rees-Mogg, deputy chairman of the British Broadcasting Corp. Since retiring from *The Times* when Murdoch bought it, said he believed the transfer was "not lawful."

The move aroused speculation in rival newspapers that Murdoch may liquidate Times Newspapers Ltd., seek to pay lower severance pay on grounds that the company no longer had the papers, and then restart them, with lower manning levels.

The Observer quoted Rees-Mogg as saying Sunday "What Rupert wants is to liquidate the present company and keep the titles to himself. That's clearly his intention."

Meanwhile, a union leader said Sunday there is "absolutely no prospect" of agreement to 600 layoffs by the end of this week.

John Mitchell, London secretary of the main clerical union, the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel, said: "We have asked the management to remove the deadline... but they have refused."

Nightmarish tenure with legion

American's French adventure ends in death

COSTA MESA, California, Feb. 15 (AP) — A heartbroken California man who joined the French Foreign Legion to forget his lost love became a virtual prisoner of the legion, tried to escape, then died before he could get out, his mother says.

Randy Lee went to Paris last spring when he "couldn't handle" the marriage of his beloved to another man and subsequently was recruited into the famed Foreign Legion, his mother, Judy Lee, said Saturday.

But instead of a romantic adventure, Lee's tenure with the legion turned into a nightmare of his own making, complete with mysterious phone calls and coded letters. It ended in his death. He died in a Feb. 3 plane crash with 30 other legionnaires at Djibouti, French Somalia, in East Africa, his mother said she was told last week.

Mrs. Lee, a loan officer at a Costa Mesa savings and loan in Orange county, had tried through U.S. diplomatic channels to get her son out. But little could be done because her son had signed a valid contract, said Jim Webb, State Department press officer.

After Lee's death, Mrs. Lee said, her request to see his body and to have it preserved for autopsy was denied and she

learned it could be six months before the body is returned home for burial.

Lee, 19, a popular singer-pianist in Newport beach, "wanted to go back to Europe and get his head together," Mrs. Lee said. "He said there were too many memories here."

He met some legion recruiters in Paris. Lee's friends have told her. "They offered him lot of money, a chance to travel all over the world," she said.

Signed to a five-year contract, Lee headed for Aubagne, near Marseilles, where like all recruits, he was given a new identity, Mrs. Lee said. He became paratrooper Lawrence Leon.

When she sought information about the legendary corps, Mrs. Lee was told by the American Embassy in Paris that recruits "must be capable of forgetting their past, their family and their friends. When a man enlists, his passport is taken from him and he is given another name. The passport is returned to him when he completes his contract."

At first the legion denied that her son had enlisted, Mrs. Lee said. When she sent him messages that his grandfather died, although

the death actually occurred five years ago, Lee finally called — from the office of his commanders — and did not let on in front of the legionnaires that it was a false message.

Several months later Mrs. Lee received the first of several coded letters from Randy talking of "that little blue book you used to read to me... that little blue book would make mighty nice reading right now."

Mrs. Lee said there had been no such book, but, aided by a private investigator, she figured out he meant his passport. In other letters Mrs. Lee said were smuggled out by a friend on the base he told her he wanted to escape.

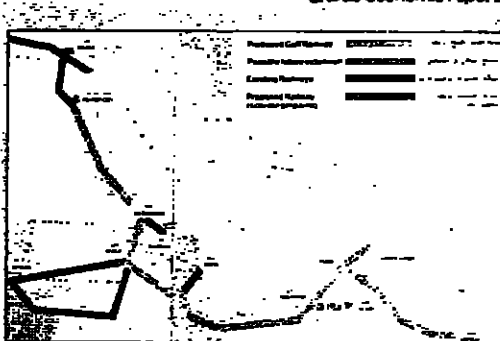
He learned he tried unsuccessfully to escape in November and again in December. Later, Lee called his sister to plead for help.

On Wednesday, the French consul called Mrs. Lee and said Randy had been in the crash that also killed several top commanders of the French Army. Early reports had said no Americans were aboard. A national day of mourning was declared in France Friday.

Under French law, Lee's body cannot be returned home until his name is legally changed back to Randall Lee, which could take up to six months, Mrs. Lee said.

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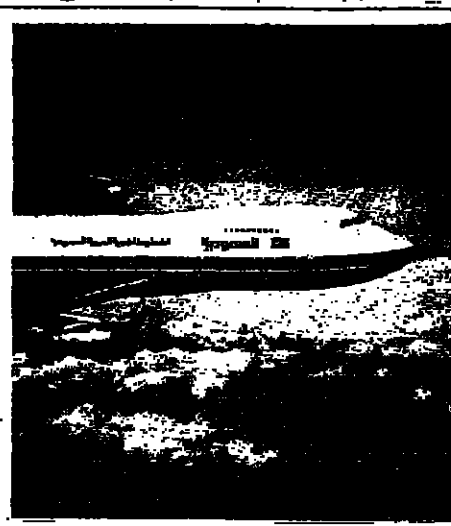
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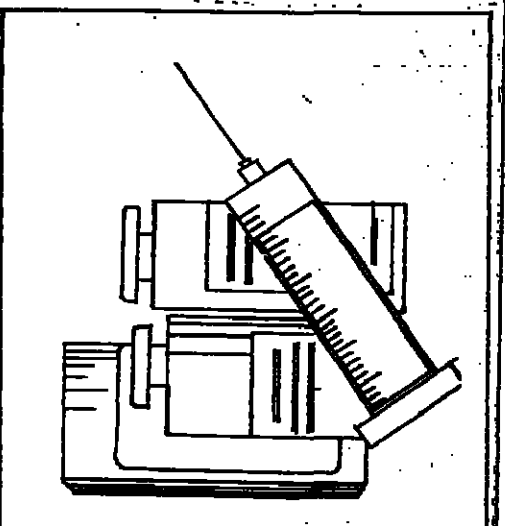
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Arab air carriers may be better off than most, but they are nevertheless affected by skyrocketing costs. The 16th annual general assembly of the Arab Air Carriers Organization agreed on new inter-airline ventures to meet the challenges ahead. Page 8



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Irish poll set for Thursday

Parties expected to keep positions

DUBLIN, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Ireland's three main parties are expected to maintain their positions when the country elects a new parliament Thursday. The 23rd Dail Eireann will have 166 seats from 41 districts. The outgoing parliament, elected in June, 1981, had the following composition — Fianna Fail 78 seats, Fine Gael 65, Labor 15 and small parties 8.

The Fianna Fail (soldiers of destiny) party of former Prime Minister Charles Haughey has the largest number of candidates. Founded in 1927 by Eamon de Valera, the "patriarch" of the republic, the Fianna Fail is today moderate — more populist than socialist — and well connected in industry. It has formed most of the governments since independence and has always had at least a plurality in parliament.

The Fine Gael (Gaelic family) party of the outgoing Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald is the second largest and governed from 1973-77. Founded in 1932 by William Cosgrave, it is centrist and popular with both young people and the up-and-coming professionals who live in the cities.

However, the Labor Party of Deputy Prime Minister Michael O'Leary, which formed the outgoing majority coalition with Fine Gael, has never been as popular as its British big brother. Ireland has a smaller working class vote and the Labor Party, as its non-Gaelic name shows, is not as close to the republican tradition as Fianna Fail and Fine Gael.

Among the smaller parties are the Socialist Sinn Fein Workers Party, with 15 candidates. The political wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), the provisional Sinn Fein, is proposing seven candidates, most of them charged in Ulster with belonging to the IRA.

The Irish Socialist Republican Party, the political wing of the National Army of Irish Liberation, has six candidates, while the Communist Party and the Socialist People's Democracy Party have two candidates each, with activist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey running for the People's Party.

The party system is especially important due to Ireland's proportional vote, in which voters indicate the order of preference for several candidates rather than choosing just one or several without preference indicated. Candidates are elected according to a quota calculated from the number of voters and seats. Ballots on which candidates are preferred second, third etc., are eventually used as the quota is filled.

Bees invade Caracas

CARACAS, Feb. 14 (AFP) — African killer bees have invaded Venezuela's capital and spread fear among its 3.5 million people. Authorities have appealed for calm, while extermination teams have been formed to repel the flying visitors whose stings have killed 10 persons in the southeast part of the country in the last two years.

The bees entered Venezuela from Brazil, where they caused numerous deaths in the Amazon region. Victims of bee stings, according to instructions distributed by medical authorities, should stretch out in the shade, remove the stinger, put ice cubes on the sting and seek medical help.

Arms caches

Zimbabwe party faces fresh plotting charges

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Zimbabwean troops and police have found more military equipment on Bulawayo properties belonging to the minority party in the ruling coalition, the Patriotic Front (PF), which has been accused by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of plotting against the state.

The discoveries, announced by Security Minister Emmerson Mnangagwa at a news conference Monday in Bulawayo, were the latest in a series of arms finds over the past 10 days that have brought relations between Joshua Nkomo's PF and Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) to their lowest point since independence in April 1980. Mnangagwa's news conference followed the PF's formal denial Sunday that it had known about the arms caches or planned any treasonous action.

The state radio quoted Mnangagwa, a Mugabe loyalist, as saying the authorities had found an unspecified amount of military equipment in the Castle Arms Hotel, owned by the Niram Com., of which Nkomo is a director. Mnangagwa said among the material was electronic equipment capable of jamming all communications within the country, including the state-run Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC). The security minister said authorities had also found arms caches on the Umuza cooperative complex near Bulawayo, run by the PF.

Mnangagwa did not say when the Umuza and Castle arms finds were made. However, it is known that the hotel was searched on Feb. 8, two days after the discovery of thousands of light and heavy weapons on the Niram-owned Ascot Farm near Bulawayo that triggered the present crisis. The PF central committee met Sunday and afterward issued a statement registering its "dismay at the deliberate attempt by Mugabe to 'build a case' against the party."

The rift between the PF, which holds 20 of 100 seats in parliament, and Mugabe's ZANU, which has a commanding 57 seats, comes in the wake of a rebuff last month by Nkomo of a suggestion by the prime minister that they merge their rival movements. Mugabe has repeatedly said in recent months that he would like to see Zimbabwe transformed into a one-party state.

BRIEFS

BANGKOK, (AFP) — Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao arrived in Bangkok Monday for talks which are likely to center on Thailand's strained relations with neighboring Vietnamese-backed Cambodia.

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, (AFP) — An East German was arrested Friday in Nuremberg on charges of spying for the East German State Security Ministry. It was reported here Monday. Police identified the man as Wolfgang Albertin, 41.

BONN, (AFP) — The head of the ruling West German Social-Democratic Party's parliamentary group, Herbert Wehner, is to visit Warsaw at the end of the week, the party announced Monday.

DAR ES SALAAM, (AFP) — Australia is expected to help in the training of Ugandan National Army, outgoing Australian High Commissioner to Tanzania Edwin Ride said at the weekend. Ride, speaking at a farewell dinner held in his honor by the Tanzania Commonwealth Society (TCS) here, said his country will cooperate with other commonwealth countries to help Uganda in its task of creating a new national army.

Murder case against JAL captain mulled

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Police are considering a murder charge against the captain of a Japan Air Lines (JAL) DC-8 that crashed into Tokyo Bay last week, killing 24 persons, it was reported here Monday.

Sankai Shimizu, a popular Tokyo daily, said that police were looking into the possibility of a murder charge under the aviation hazards law. This followed reports of a scuffle in the cockpit shortly before the crash and indications that Capt. Seiji Katagiri, 35, have been behaving strangely.

A murder charge under the aviation hazards law provides for a prison sentence of seven years or more if convicted — a more severe penalty than the minimum of three years in jail for a similar crime under the criminal code.

Police said that it would be difficult to prove criminal responsibility of the pilot, however, if his action were found to be attributable to illness. JAL officials said last Tuesday that Capt. Katagiri was once suspended from his duties for a month for a psychosomatic disorder.



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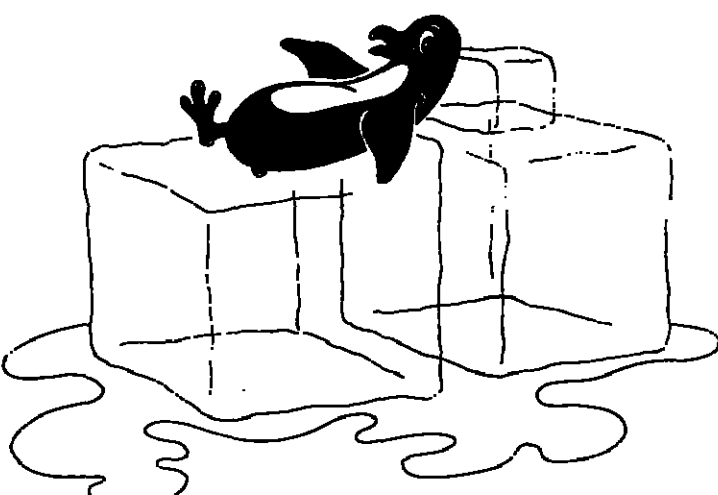
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\$76b increase**Banks gross assets jump to \$1.4 trillion**

BASEL, Feb. 15 (AFP) — International Banking activity accelerated sharply in the third quarter of last year after an unusually weak first half, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) reported here Monday.

As of Sept. 30, the gross external assets of banks reporting to the BIS (from industrialized countries and their offshore centers) totaled \$1,423 trillion, a \$76 billion increase from the previous quarter. The second quarter had seen a drop of more than \$2 billion, mostly due to the appreciation of the dollar.

Allowing for the dollar's rising exchange rate, the growth of assets was still "substantial" in the third quarter, exceeding \$71 billion (constant), after \$39 billion in the second period.

The underlying growth of international credit (a figure that takes into account duplications due to successive interbank deposits) reached \$45 billion in the third trimester after \$35 billion in the second and \$30 billion in the first, for a \$110 billion total.

The BIS report showed that OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) members became net borrowers for the first time since 1978.

Iraq ups oil sale to Italy

NICOSIA, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Iraq will supply 160,000 barrels of oil a day to the Italian oil company ENI during 1982, the *Middle East Economic Survey (MEES)* reported in its latest issue.

This would be an increase over the average 100,000 barrels per day delivered to Italy during 1981. *MEES* said, Iraq supplied Italy about 200,000 barrels of crude per day before its war with Iran broke out in September, 1980.

Last October Iraq foreign minister said his country was ready to improve economic relations with Italy, particularly by increasing the volume of oil to Italy.

Meanwhile, the national Spanish oil company is considering signing a contract with Iraq for the purchase of 40,000 barrels of crude per day for this year.

The net debt position of other developing countries grew by \$8.9 billion (their deposits grew by \$1.8 billion), but their borrowing increased by \$10.7 billion, of which Latin America accounted for \$8.9 billion.

Two countries had large quarterly increases in net indebtedness to the banks — Mexico, by \$8.4 billion, and the Soviet Union by \$6 billion.

Showing debt rises of between \$1 billion and \$3.5 billion were South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, India, South Korea, Malaysia, Greece, Portugal and Spain.

The BIS report also noted: A strong rise in international transactions of banks based in Japan. Their total foreign credits increased by \$12.6 billion after dipping by \$2.6 billion during the second quarter. And a reversal of the trend for banks in the United States to be net suppliers of new funds to the international market, after their external credits had risen in the preceding five quarters from less than \$2 billion to nearly \$60 billion.

However, everything is not rosy on the banking front. The American banking industry has suffered its largest failure for more than three years with a commercial bank in Florida announcing that it could not repay its debts.

Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company of Tampa, Florida, said over the weekend that it would have to cease operating because it was unable to repay \$51 million in short-term debts owed to the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, lender of last resort to the banking industry in Florida. However, another Florida bank, the Great American Bank of Tampa, said it would buy the failed Metropolitan Bank for \$18.3 million.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, a government agency which insures the bank deposits of individuals up to \$100,000, said in approving the takeover that the Tampa bank would assume responsibility for about \$175 million worth of Metropolitan's deposits and other liabilities. This would avoid the necessity for a payoff of the estimated 28,000 deposit accounts in the failed bank, the agency said. The failure of Metropolitan Bank, which said it will report a \$17.4 million loss for 1981, is the largest for a commercial bank since 1978, when Drovers National Bank closed in Chicago.

Hong Kong, U.S. mull textile pact

HONG KONG, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The United States and Hong Kong government officials have entered the first of a series of bilateral textile negotiations that are expected to have a bearing on all Asian suppliers.

These discussions are for a new bilateral pact to replace the textiles agreement which expires at the end of this year as do most of the similar American pacts with other areas in Asia.

Negotiations of this kind are nothing new. What is new and most significant is that this time they are being held under the provisions of the new multi-fiber arrangement (MFA) governing world trade in textiles.

The outcome of the American-Hong Kong bargaining is considered important not only for Hong Kong but, in the sense of an MFA test case, equally important for all Asian exporters as it may, one way or the other, influence the attitude of importing nations of the European Economic Community (EEC), split into the hawks and doves camps, when their turn comes to negotiate bilateral pacts.

The most relevant point is that the new MFA has removed the six percent annual growth rate previously allowed to exporting countries. Thus, quotas under new agreements will depend entirely on bilateral negotiations.

After the birth of the new MFA, the chief American delegate was reported as having said the United States would not be seeking cuts in existing quota levels for fresh bilateral agreements. How true this is will be known only when an agreement with Hong Kong is concluded.

Unions' talks set in New Caledonia

NOUMEA, Feb. 15 (AFP) — French-ruled New Caledonia will host the second international conference of trades unions from Pacific countries sometime between now and the end of March, local union leader Gaston Hmeun announced here Monday.

Neither the exact date of the conference nor the topics on the agenda have yet been fixed. More than 100 union delegates from 13 countries, including Japan, are expected to attend. Hmeun, deputy secretary of the Combined Unions of manual and Office Workers (USOENC), said.

Floods cause devastation Forest denudation costs Philippines dearly

MANILA, Feb. 15 (Depthnews) — Almost a year ago, floods turned vast areas of the Mindanao heartland in troubled southern Philippines into veritable swamps of human suffering and devastation.

The floods again visited the same areas with tragic consequences in late January this year. This year's death toll — 13 and 28 missing and presumed dead — was much lower than 1981's official count of 228 dead and 32 missing.

But damage to crops, roads, bridges and public and private buildings was high. Estimates are that this year's damage to property would approximate the 1981 figure of 300 million pesos (\$40 million).

"The floods have become a yearly ritual of death and destruction in Mindanao," said a government official involved in relief operations. What he failed to mention, however, is that the floods are a tragic and appalling reminder to the seemingly unabated destruction of the country's forests by indiscriminate slash-and-burn farming or shifting cultivation and logging operations.

The floods also are a precursor of what lies in store for the country if the "rape" of the virgin forests continues. This year's floods — as well as last year's — devastated

some of northern Mindanao's most productive farmlands in the provinces of Agusan del Sur, Agusan del Norte, Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental and Davao del Norte.

For the past two years, the floods have been appearing with alarming regularity in these provinces after days of heavy continuous downpour. Weathermen explain that northern and northeastern Mindanao is usually rainy this time of the year due to the tail end of a cold front and the surge of the northeast monsoon.

Mindanao has always been a happy hunting ground for the vast riches from its forests. In fact, the region supplies about three-quarters of the total registered commercial log production in the country, according to a study by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The study, covering 16 Asian and Pacific nations, is the first-ever comprehensive survey of the region's forest resources. FAO conducted the survey in collaboration with the U.N. Environment Program.

Assessing the situation, the study says: destruction of Asia's forests continues at an alarming pace, averaging 1.8 million hectares a year or 5,000 hectares a day. Frantic governments have instituted measures to arrest the rapid decline, but so far, success

has been "very limited."

In its section on the Philippines, the study frankly states that "shifting cultivation and uncontrolled logging are, no doubt, the main contributing factors" for the continued degradation of the country's once-vast forest resources. As evidence, it cites the large tracts of cogon grasslands, a common sight in the country, as examples of a one-time indiscriminate use of the land.

The country's annual deforestation rate is between 100,000 and 250,000 hectares in the same league as Malaysia, India, Laos and Burma. And in all this, the heaviest damage has been inflicted by the money-hungry loggers and the *kaingineros* who destroy the forests simply to eke out a living.

The FAO-UNEP study explains it this way: from actual field observations, most of the Filipino loggers are not particularly interested in protecting the logged-over areas in their concessions.

The logging roads are already constructed; little effort is needed on the part of the *kaingineros* since the large trees have already been felled; and the slopes are gentle enough for farming since the logger prefers to cut trees in the accessible portions of the concession.

Romania enforces 35% price hike

BUCHAREST, Feb. 15 (AP) — The government ordered price hikes Monday by increasing the cost of all basic food products and cigarette by an average of 35 percent. Meat prices go up about 64 percent overall.

Bucharest radio said the new prices would go into effect Monday. The increases have long been rumored in Romania, a Communist nation with a foreign debt estimated at \$10.8 billion. President Nicolae Ceausescu served notice a week ago that the country should be prepared for price boosts. A decree signed by Ceausescu said the increases were necessary "in view of the harmonious and balanced development of the national economy."

In an attempt to conserve dwindling energy supplies, Romanian authorities last month decreed regular cutoffs of electricity, heat and other services in Bucharest and other cities.

Meat prices will rise an average of 64 percent, with boneless best-quality beef selling for the equivalent of about \$2.48 a pound (454 grams). The same amount of sugar will cost about 62 cents, up 55 percent. Other

staples affected by the price increases are fish, milk, cheese, flour and eggs. One quart (.94 liters) of cooking oil will cost the equivalent of \$1.63, an increase of 38 percent.

Imported commodities also were affected, with the price of cocoa doubling to about \$6.18 per pound (454 grams) and coffee going up by about 32 percent, to about 9.09 per pound. Citrus fruit and olives also will be more expensive.

In an attempt to soften the blow, the government last week announced pay increases totaling the equivalent of \$2.25 billion. But it said Romanians must work harder until the current five-year plan expires in 1985.

Romanians earn an average monthly salary equivalent to \$205 a month. Starting Monday, they will also receive a monthly "compensation" of \$12.70, while child support allowances and old age pensions are to be raised an average of 7.80 per capita.

The current round of price hikes follow nearly a month of intensive "psychological" preparation of citizens, who were told the new prices were ultimately in the interest of their own "well-being."

Australia rejects plea to devalue

CANBERRA, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The Australian government has rejected calls for a major devaluation of the Australian dollar.

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, in his weekly radio broadcast, said Sunday that the government would continue with the current practice of small adjustments to the dollar's rate against a basket of other currencies.

Fraser has been under pressure from Australian rural industries, liberal members of Parliament, and even treasury advisers, to devalue the currency to help the balance of payments which is running deeper into deficit.

The Prime Minister said: "The government's approach in this area is one of carefully managed exchange rate with very gentle, sometimes almost imperceptible adjustments according to the overall state of the balance of payments, but also with regard to other important considerations such as inflationary implications."

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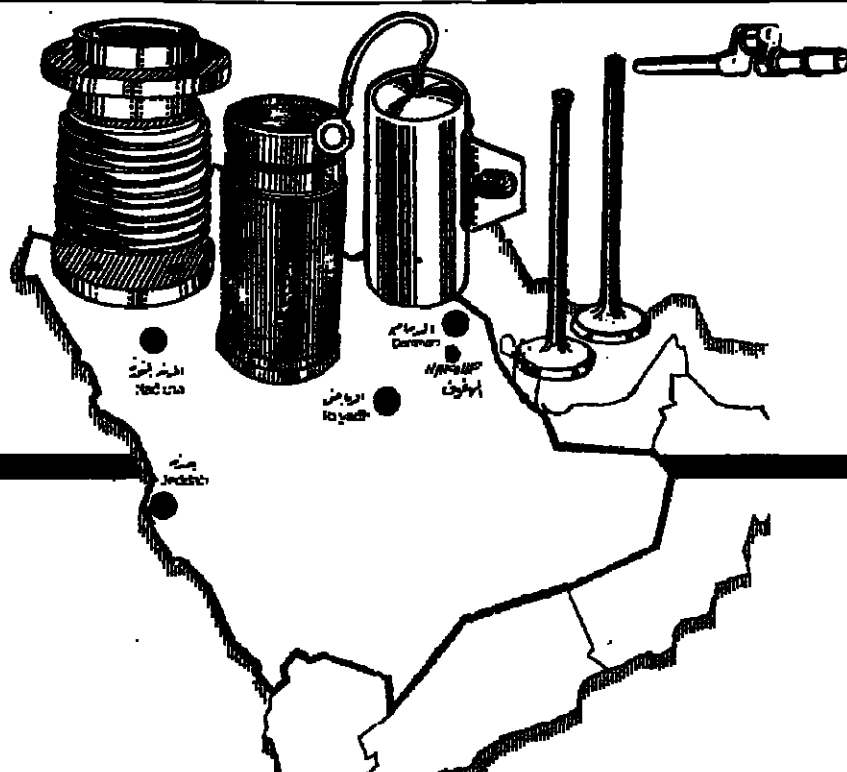
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With CAA unrelenting

License issue bogs Laker plan

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP) — Plans by Sir Freddie Laker to launch a new airline in April in partnership with tycoon Ronald Rowland faded Monday when the Civil Aviation Authority said applications for licenses would involve "a lengthy process."

CAA licenses granted to Laker to fly from Britain to America are due to be suspended Wednesday following the collapse of Laker Airways Feb. 5 owing 210 million pounds (\$382.2 million) to a consortium of 27 international banks.

Laker, 59, pioneer of cheap air travel, has said he will apply to the CAA to have the licenses renewed to enable him to operate the planned new airline and threatened last Friday that he would scrap plans to launch it if the CAA delayed.

But a CAA spokesman said Monday that until Laker's case was studied the CAA did not know whether it was possible to transfer the existing Laker licenses to the planned new airline or whether Laker would have to apply for new licenses.

He said that in either case "it would appear that a lengthy process would be required." He said that if objections were received from other airlines — as press reports say seems almost certain — the CAA would have to conduct lengthy public hearings.

The spokesman, who in accordance with British practice declined to be named, added: "We are waiting for Sir Freddie Laker to put his proposals to us."

Earlier, Roland "Tiny" Rowland, boss of the giant international trading empire, Lomrho, who has joined forces with Sir Freddie Laker to try and launch a new "people's airline," said in a report published Monday that the finances of the venture would be "watched like a hawk" to ensure it does not go the same way as he told the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper that Laker would not be in charge of the airline finances when the deal gets off the ground. Executives of his own group would be responsible for that part of the venture, Rowland said.

"Naturally, it has to be a commercially sound proposal," said Rowland, "or Lomrho and I will have nothing to do with it." The future of the Laker-Rowland enterprise depends on the outcome of an application of Britain's Civil Aviation Authority for licenses to operate.

Laker and Rowland hope the CAA will treat their application as an extension of the Laker Airways license, rather than a new company which would mean putting their request at the back of a long line of those of other airlines.

Freight rates plummet anew

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The freight market took another downward twist last week, with rates at their lowest since 1978 in the main grain trades and for time-charter trips.

Ship brokers say this "alarming situation" is largely caused by the continuing presence of "combination" vessels — capable of carrying oil or dry cargo — sheltering from the weak oil trades. They are equally worried by the number of "new buildings" coming on to the market and the inadequate number of available cargoes.

The International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners, INTERCARGO, has urged its members and other shipowners to resist ordering new ships, regardless of the low prices being offered by shipbuilders.

The General Council of British Shipping's combined tramp trip charter index for world shipping last month was the lowest since August 1978, with the 50,000/84,999 ton category suffering the worst.

Grain chartering was generally well below the seasonal norm, and the lowest rate since December 1978 was recorded in the "barometer" trans-Atlantic (U.S./Europe) trade when \$7/ton was paid to a 70,000 tonner, \$1.25 down on the previous week. Just a year ago, \$19 was paid for a similar fixture.

Elsewhere in grain, the U.S. Gulf/Japan rate was steady when \$17.75/ton was paid to a 28,000 tonner. Meanwhile, a 35,000-ton grain cargo was fixed out of the U.S. Atlantic coast to Japan at \$18.50/ton, with an option of loading out of the U.S. Gulf at \$18.

Soviet charterers were very much less in evidence, although the Soviet Union made its first grain purchase from the United States since President Ronald Reagan imposed

Rowland said he was confident of persuading the CAA to grant the necessary licenses. "We believe we can present this as a reconstructed company, not as a new application at all," he said.

Supporting his prospective partner, Rowland shrugged aside criticism surrounding the collapse of Laker Airways. "This is a cut-throat industry," he said, "and in that kind of atmosphere it is possible to get very badly hurt with hardly any warning."

"Just because the old Laker Airways structure didn't work, there is no reason to suppose that the new airline would have the same problems."

Meanwhile, Laker was reported to have spent Sunday in Paris, accompanied by a Lomrho board member.

The reason for the visit was not known, but there was speculation it was related to the 10 A-300 Airbuses he ordered from the French consortium Airbus Industries before Laker Airways folded.

Airbus Industries official Bernard Lathiere refused to confirm or deny the report of Laker's arrival in Paris.

sanctions over the Polish crisis two months ago.

Coal chartering developed toward the end of the week, with Japanese charterers arranging a contract out of Hampton Roads completing Richards Bay for three 100,000/130,000 tonners a year over a period of five years at \$14/4.25/ton.

Ore cargoes also attracted attention again, although no agreement was reported between producers and consumers on prices for the coming year. "Combo" tonnage was popular in this trade. Several ore and coal cargoes were still available in front of the week end from North America and Australia to Japan, South Korea and Pakistan.

Fertilizers continued to absorb a regular number of small vessels at steady rates for discharge in India. Time chartering was quiet, with the equivalent of \$4.85 a ton paid to a 27,600-tonner for a trip from the Far East to Europe, down \$1.25 on the previous low and the cheapest since December 1978.

Haiti takes steps to bolster economy

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Feb. 15 (R) — The government of Haiti reported last month that it had easily repelled a small invasion attempt by a group of U.S.-based exiles, but it faces a more serious challenge in trying to solve its economic problems.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Americas, according to United Nations figures. Its six million people have an annual per capita income of less than \$300 and only about 30 percent of them can read or write.

The government has put up posters, to exhort the people to cooperate in "the battle of the economic revolution," and save the country from catastrophe. Diplomatic sources close to the government said the campaign had been launched to condition the people into accepting even greater economic hardship.

"The government is working without pause to solve problems originating in the world crisis," the posters proclaim.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is providing the rightist government with credits to help bolster Haiti's grossly underdeveloped economy. But the conditions are strict, according to official sources.

The government has recently introduced a number of austerity measures to keep within the conditions for the IMF loans, which include a three-year expanded facility for 32 million Special Drawing Rights — the value of which is calculated in terms of a basket of major currencies. The measures include a 20 percent reduction in public spending, import controls and higher taxes on cigarettes, and similar items.

Official sources say Haiti is also keen to see the introduction of a recently proposed U.S.-led economic aid plan. Further incentives for foreign investment are under consideration, they add.

But the prospects for this drought-prone mountainous country, which shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, still appear grim.

Like so many nations of the Caribbean basin, Haiti relies on a few commodities — in its own case mainly coffee and bauxite — for its economic survival. The effect of low world coffee prices was aggravated by Hurricane Allen which devastated most of Haiti's crops in August 1980 and helped halve the 1981 coffee export earnings to \$35 million compared with the previous year.

Haiti's bauxite industry has also slumped in recent years because of stagnating world prices and rising local costs which have caused the closure of a number of mines. In addition, the net foreign debt has leapt to more than \$200 million compared with \$40 million six years ago, according to official Haitian figures.

Official sources said Haiti hoped to win about \$140 million in development aid from

Expert links security to ending hunger

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois, Feb. 15 (AP) — World peace will be impossible as long as 500 million people are not getting enough to eat, an official of an anti-poverty group told a conference at the University of Illinois.

"Unless we end world hunger we can't have true security," Stephen Coats of Bread for the World said Sunday. Coats and U.S. representative Paul Findley, Republican-Illinois, addressed the opening session of a two-day conference at the University on world food systems. Coats said hunger often leads to violence, and the United States could be drawn into the conflict.

He said the gap is widening between the amount of food developing nations can produce and the amount they need. An estimated 500 million people do not get enough to eat, he said. "It's a moral challenge for us," he said. "It's something we can overcome."

Coats said there should be no embargoes on shipments of food overseas because food should not be used as a weapon. "If people need the food they should get it," he said. "When you cut off the food aid it is not the leaders who suffer."

Coats also said developed nations should help starving countries borrow the money they need for food and economic development. Aid should be directed at the operators of small farms, to help them raise their crop production, he said.

Japan's deficit touches \$1.8b

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Japan suffered a \$1.85 billion trade deficit on a customs clearance basis in January, the Finance Ministry announced in a preliminary report Monday. This compared with a \$1.52 billion surplus in December 1981 and a \$1.48 billion deficit in January last year. January exports were up 8.8 percent over a year ago at \$10.28 billion and imports were up 1.7 percent at \$12.14 billion, the report said.

various organizations this year, but they gave no further details. Mexico and Venezuela have stepped in to alleviate Haiti's soaring fuel bill by including it in a regional plan through which they supply cheap oil to about a dozen countries. Haiti receives 7,000 barrels per day through the so-called San Jose agreement.

Chinese oil team arrives in Tokyo

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (AFP) — A group of Chinese officials arrived here Monday for talks on Chinese crude oil shipments to Japan.

The negotiations are likely to drag on, as Japanese oil companies are poised to demand price cuts of 20 to 30 cents per barrel amid a global glut of oil supplies, industry sources here said.

Hard-hit by a shortage of hard crude reserves, however, the Chinese will almost certainly refuse to go along, the sources said. The Chinese lowered the price for their shipments to \$34.90 per barrel FOB for last July through December, compared with \$36.50 in April-June.

Under a long-term Japan-China trade agreement of 1978, the volume of shipment is set at 61 million barrels for 1982, unchanged from the 1981 level.

The five-man Chinese group, led by China National Chemicals Import and Export Corporation general manager Sun Suochang, is expected to stay in Tokyo for about two weeks.

London stock market

LONDON, Feb. 15 (R) — The market closed easier, reflecting disappointment with the U.S. money supply figures which gave rise to fears of higher U.S. interest rates, dealers said. At 1500 hours the *Financial Times* index was down 5.7 at 564.8.

Government bonds pared opening falls of half a point to about 7/8 point in small two way interest and equity leaders were mixed but with an easier bias, dealers added.

Gold shares weakened with the bullion price and most overseas issues were inclined easier, dealers said.

GEC ended 7p off at 822, Blue Circle was 6p down at 520 and banks held steady. Associated Communications firmed 9p to 85 on news Heron International will increase its bid subject to the outcome of current court proceedings, dealers said.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AP) — British hotels are still the most expensive in Europe although London is now fifth in a world league of expensive cities for accommodation, according to the latest edition of the *Good Hotel Guide*, published by Britain's Consumers' Association. Barbados, Abu Dhabi, Chicago and New York are listed as the four most expensive cities in front of London to rent a room.

PARIS, (AFP) — The French group Alsthom Atlantique has won a 2,500 million franc (\$420 million) contract to equip two 900 megawatt nuclear power stations at Ulsin, South Korea. Alsthom announced here Monday. It added that much of the work would be sub-contracted out to South Korean industry.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — The state-owned Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) has won a \$100,000 consultancy contract in Turkey for the establishment of a plant to manufacture turbines, generators and

motors in the southeastern Turkish province of Diyarbakir, officials said Monday. BHEL, India's largest company, so far has been awarded contracts worth nearly \$560 million in about 40 countries.

SALISBURY, (AFP) — Japan will provide 3.1 million Zimbabwe dollars (about \$4.2 million) to allow Zimbabwe to buy machinery and vehicles for rural development under an agreement signed here Monday. Signing were the Japanese ambassador here, Seiken Sasaki, and Zimbabwean Finance Minister Enos Nkala.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Paribas shares will no longer be listed on the Tokyo stock exchange, effective Tuesday, it was announced here Monday. The measure was decided because of the French government's nationalization of the bank. However, Paribas shareholders may continue over-the-counter transactions until the French government issues certificates of compensation, market officials indicated.

Financial Roundup

Dollar's march unchecked

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 — The American dollar opened the week on an exceptionally strong basis in Europe with major gains recorded against all currencies. The British pound, French franc and German mark all suffered reverses while the Japanese yen fell back to 242.00 levels at one stage. In the money markets, Eurodollar deposit rates were also firmer Monday with rate rises of between 1/8 and 1/4 percent recorded in most tenors.

In the local markets, rial rates were also firm in most tenors and there was some active dealing in the short end of the market, gold slipped back to \$375 an ounce in London, compared with \$378 on Friday. Bullion dealers said that the market had been made nervous due to renewed reports of Russian and Iranian selling of gold in Switzerland.

With the New York markets closed Monday night in celebration of President Washington's birthday, the European markets reacted to last Friday's U.S. money supply rises by pushing up Eurodollar rates further. One-month dollar rates traded at 16 13/16 percent while the medium term three-month rate touched 17 percent in London at one stage. In the longer periods, the one year rate was quoted at 16 9/16-16 11/16 percent indicating a sharp rise in the short end of the market, as dealers were still

awaiting reaction of the American money markets Tuesday night.

In the European exchanges, the French franc fell back to 6,1008 levels by midday, but later recovered to 6,0860 after some spirited French central bank support. The British pound lost more than one cent to fall to 1.8280, while the German mark crossed the 2,400 level to trade at 2,4080, in Frankfurt. The mark has been particularly hard hit by the recent rises in American dollar interest rates which has widened the gap between German and American rates by as much as 6 percent in favor of the latter currency. In other currency news, the Swiss franc weakened to 1,9230, while the yen also fell back to 241.20.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates remained firm continuing Sunday's closing trend levels. One-month JIBOR rates were quoted at 15 3/4-16 1/4 percent while the one year averaged at 15 2/8-15 7/8 percent. In the shorter periods, the week-fixed rate was dealt at 14 1/2-15 percent and rose to 15 1/2 — 16 percent as demand from the Bahraini based OBUs — offshore booking units — came in during the day.

In the local exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates averaged at 3,4205-10 after opening at 3,4202-08 earlier in the day. Dealers in Jeddah reported that interbank transactions were moderate with many institutions still awaiting to see the turn of events on the immediate future of the American dollar.

Share prices tumble in France

PARIS, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Share values continued the slightly downward trend that resulted from profit-taking Friday, and the Share price indicator dropped by about 0.25 percent.

Meanwhile, the stock market operators' trade union published a guide to the forthcoming state take-over of firms affected by the government's nationalization bill passed last week.

It said the firms would be quoted again from Thursday until their shares were taken over in exchange for indemnity bonds early in April, but that forward dealings would stop on March 23.

The union also published a list of compensation for shareholders of the nationalized companies. It said a CGE shareholder, for example, would get a little more than 429 francs a share, compared to the share's

quoted price of 333 francs when it was last quoted Jan. 8. Thomson Brandt's last listing was 285 francs, and its shareholders are set to get 307 francs a share.

Observers expect much jostling Thursday as operators compete to buy shares of the companies to be nationalized. The prices, they say, will tend toward the indemnity payments. In the meantime, operators are ridding themselves of shares to give them the necessary liquidity.

Monday's losses included UTA, down five percent, DMC and Maritime Chargeurs down four percent, ELF Aquitaine down 3.8 percent and Sommer and BHV down three percent. OPFI Paribas gained 11.6 percent, Ceterlem was up seven percent and ELF Gabon up five percent.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 p.m. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.08	—	15.45
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	282.00
Belgian Franc (1,000)	143.00	142.65	130.95
Canadian Dollar	131.25	130.95	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	12.03	11.97	3.92
Dutch Guilder (100)	93.00	93.15	—
Egyptian Pound	56.75	56.25	—
Emirate Dirham (100)	52.00	55.40	36.95
French Franc (100)	—	—	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	27.10	26.90	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	14.25	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.99	9.86	—
Jordanian Dinar	12.03	11.97	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	69.65	69.50	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	58.50	61.10	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	—
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	32.00	—
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.80	—
Pound Sterling	6.51	6.25	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.05	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	160.70	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	33.85	—
Swiss Franc (100)	178.25	178.00	—
Syrian Lira (100)	58.00	63.50	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3,427.5	3,422	—
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—	—

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Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Fencing of Al-Shannan and Ummlal Qalban graveyards in Hail	95	2,000	1-3-82
Meteorology and Environment Protection Department	Construction of three surface stations in Baha, Khaiber and Wadi Al-Dawasser	—	3,000	28-2-82
Jeddah Municipality	Improvement and beautification of Jeddah, Phase III, Group VII	55	10,000	22-2-82

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1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3.	Tunisian Reefer	O.C.E.	Eggs/Meat/Barley	13.2.82
4.	Syria	Barnadiah	Barley & Steel	2.2.82
5.	Nemsa	S.C.S.A.	Barley	14.2.82
6.	Orava	Atter	Timber/Sugar	11.2.82
10.	World Trader	Barnadiah	Barley	7.2.82
11.	Olympiakos	Gulf	Barley	10.2.82
12.	Saudi Enterprise	M.E.S.A.	Gen/Sugar/Timb/Steel	12.2.82
13.	Mazda	El Hawi	Timb/Paper	13.2.82
14.	Char Kang	Abdallah	Gen/St/Contra/Timb.	10.2.82
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18.	Lama	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	11.2.82
19.	Aegean Sky	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	12.2.82
20.	Saudi Venture	MESA	Gen/Cem/Paper/Timb.	13.2.82
21.	Apollon	A.A.	Gen/Contra/RoRo	9.2.82
23.	Barber Perseus	Barber	Gen/Contra/RoRo	14.2.82
24.	Mar Cadiz	O.C.E.	Oranges	14.2.82
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28.	Mykonos	M.T.A.	Meat/Fish/Poultry	11.2.82
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36.	Karat	Kanoo	Containers	14.2.82
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39.	Tropical Sun	O.C.E.	Bananas	11.2.82
41.	Petra	O.C.E.	Durra/S. Seeds	12.2.82
42.	El Jumbo	Al Sabah	Barley	12.2.82
43.	Goullas	Star	Barley/Wheat	3.2.82

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Lanka Keerti	H.S.S.C.	Bagged Barley	14.2.82
Nemsa	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Barley	"
Mar Cadiz	O.C.E.	Oranges	"
Falcon	S.M.S.C.	Containers	"
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9.	Banglar Joy	SCSA	Loading Urea	13.2.82
11.	Golden Venture	Ori	Bulk Bauxite	10.2.82
14.	Maersk Astro	Kanoo	Gen/Conts.	14.2.82
16.	Kaderbakh	SEA	Rice/Malt in Bags	14.2.82
17.	Ayesha	Gosabi	Bagged Barley	25.1.82
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Celtics turn tables on Lakers

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP) — Turnabout is fair play where the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers are concerned.

On Sunday, one week after a 119-113 loss to the Lakers in Boston, the Celtics turned the tables on the West Coast, edging Los Angeles 108-103 in a National Basketball Association action Sunday night. Larry Bird, frustrated for most of the game and held to just 12 points, scored on a key three-point play — a scoop shot and a free throw — with 29 seconds remaining to give Boston a 107-103 lead.

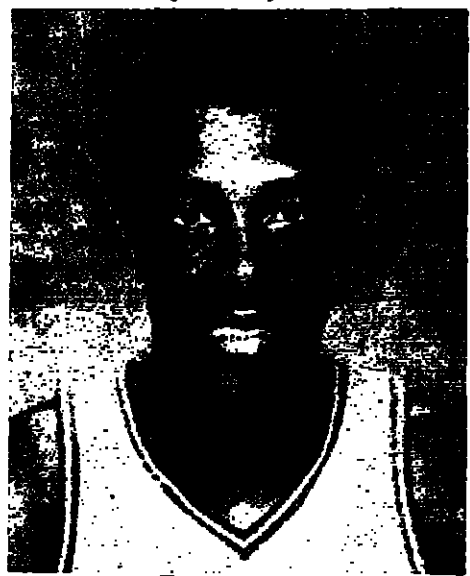
Cedric Maxwell led the Boston scoring against the Lakers with 27 points, as the Celtics rallied after trailing 79-74 at the start of the final period. Jamaal Wilkes paced the Lakers with 25 points.

The Celtics, who trailed most of the game, went ahead to stay on Gerald Henderson's free throw that made it 91-90 with 5:13 to play. Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored five points in a row to bring the Lakers back from a 104-98 deficit, but missed a free throw that would have tied the contest and Bird followed with his three-point play.

Philadelphia 76ers 117, New York Knicks 105: Julius Erving scored 26 points apiece and Philadelphia pulled away in the final two minutes for its sixth straight victory. Mike Newlin scored 23 and Maurice Lucas 19 for the Knicks, who led by 11 points in the third quarter but were outscored 20-7 the rest of the period. Toney connected for a pair of baskets and Maurice

Cheeks converted two free throws to ignite a 13-4 spurt down the stretch.

Milwaukee Bucks 125, Cleveland Cavaliers 97: Marques Johnson scored 30 points, connecting on 13 of 14 shots, to lead Milwaukee to its ninth straight victory. The Bucks scored



Julius Erving...sparkles for 76ers

the game's first eight points and were never in trouble in opening out a 97-77 bulge entering the final period.

San Antonio Spurs 114, Seattle SuperSonics 94: Mark Olberding scored 25 points and reserve center Dave Corzine added a

season-high 23 points and 12 rebounds to lead San Antonio to a 114-94 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. The Spurs led throughout the second-half in winning for the fourth time in as many meetings with Seattle this season. Coming off the bench in relief of George Johnson, who is suffering from bronchitis, Corzine played 7 minutes in leading the Spurs to their 21st victory in 26 home games. He also held Sonics center Jack Sikma to six points in the second-half.

Golden State Warriors 103, Kansas City Kings 93: Purvis Short scored 24 points and Golden State held off a fourth-quarter Kansas City rally. The Kings, after trailing by as many as 29 points early in the third quarter, got within nine in the final minute. World B. Free and Joe Barry Karroll scored 18 points apiece to help the Warriors snap a three-game losing streak. Kansas City has lost 11 of its last 13.

Dallas Mavericks 111, New Jersey Nets 109: Jay Vincent scored 10 of Dallas' last 14 points and finished with a game-high 30 as the Mavericks recorded their 25th triumph in 39 games. They won only 15 all last year, the team's initial season in the NBA. Len Elmore a career-high 25 points for New Jersey, which had its four-game winning streak snapped.

Indiana Pacers 107, Portland Trail Blazers 91: Johnny Davis scored 25 points, while Billy Knight and Tom Owens added 19 apiece for Indiana, which led most of the way. The Pacers led by 17 points in the last quarter.

Colorado downs Washington

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP) — Andy Dore and Mike Rogers scored goals in the final 1½ minutes of the second period Sunday night starting the New York Rangers on their way to a 5-2 National Hockey League victory over the Quebec Nordiques.

Quebec had taken a two goal lead by the first period and that was all it could score as the Rangers swept past them in the remaining two periods to victory.

In a closely-contested tie, Colorado Rockies downed Washington Capitals in another NHL action with a 5-3 verdict. It was Aaron Broten's seventh goal of the year which resolved the 3-3 tie and put Colorado on the road to a victory. Colorado struck once in the first period and twice in the next as Washington scored all its three goals in the second to be on level terms till Colorado scored two

more in the last period.

Clark Gillies, Bryan Trottier, Brent Sutter and Mike Bossy scored two goals each as the New York Islanders routed the Hartford Whalers 9-1. The Whalers got their lone goal in the first period as the Islanders went on a goal spree — five goals coming in the final period.

Dave Lumley scored a 10-foot wrist shot with 1:35 remaining to give Edmonton Oilers a 2-2 tie with Boston Bruins Sunday night. In a hard-hitting, close-checking NHL game, Boston took the lead in the first period, which was neutralized in the second by the Edmonton Oilers. The keen tussle looked going the Boston way when it shot into the lead once again in the final period. But Dave Lumley came to the Oilers' rescue with a superb goal and to enable Oilers to share honors with Bruins.

Standings

Wales Conference Patrick Division							Hartford						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.		16	26	14	188	238	46
Ny Islanders	17	13	6	266	177	80	Minnesota	23	13	16	242	104	62
Philadelphia	31	21	5	232	221	67	St. Louis	23	27	5	243	55	55
Pittsburgh	27	21	9	211	219	63	Chicago	21	27	10	253	268	52
Washington	21	27	10	216	246	52	Winnipeg	20	25	11	214	247	51
	16	33	9	220	245	41	Toronto	16	29	13	224	238	50
Adams Division							Smythe Division						
Montreal	33	11	12	267	163	78	Edmonton	36	13	8	320	100	83
Boston	32	18	8	233	198	72	Calgary	21	25	13	234	204	55
Buffalo	30	18	9	220	181	69	Vancouver	20	36	128	201	208	52
Quebec	27	22	18	258	246	64	Los Angeles	15	30	13	228	277	43
							Colorado	13	31	9	179	262	35

Portisch stays ahead of field

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina Feb. 15 (AP) — Hungary's Lajos Portisch widened his lead in the Magistral IV Chess Tournament here Sunday by beating Lev Polugaevsky of the Soviet Union in 41 moves.

After six rounds Portisch has five and a half points. One point is awarded for a win and a half point for draw. Tied in second place with three and a half points are Holland's Jan Timman, who beat Argentina's Sergio Giar-delli, and Nigel Najdorf of Argentina, who defeated his countryman Fernando Braga.

World champion Anatoly Karpov of the

Soviet Union suspended with Argentina's Oscar Panno after 42 moves. Karpov has two suspended games, which will be completed Monday. Tuesday is a day off.

In other sixth round action, Yasser Seirawan of the United States defeated Paraguay's Zenon Franco, Miguel Quinteros of Argentina beat defending champion Bent Larsen of Denmark and Sweden's Ulf Ardersson suspended with Argentina's Carlos Garcia Palermo.

The \$25,000 tournament is sponsored by Buenos Aires' Clarin newspaper. There are 13 rounds scheduled.

Desaulniers stretched by Talbott

TORONTO, Canada, Feb. 15 (AP) — Top-ranked Michael Desaulniers, a Vancouver, Canada, native now living in New York, steeled himself after a temper tantrum in his semi-final match and defeated mark Talbott of the U.S. three games to two Sunday at the 50th World Professional Squash Association Championship.

Desaulniers, 24, the defending champion, was angry after both judges overruled the referee on a let call and caused him to lose the tiebreaker in his third game. He cooled down enough in the next game to win 15-11, 15-10, 15-16, 15-6. The bearded Desaulniers will face Clive Caldwell of Canada, ranked fourth, in Monday's final. Caldwell played a methodical game of hardball squash to down Stuart Goldstein of the U.S. 15-10, 15-11, 15-6.

"I let it aggravate me too much," said Desaulniers, who slammed his racquet to the wooden floor after losing the third game. "But I apologized to him (during the break between games) and tried to get myself under control." The lanky Talbott, 21, couldn't capitalize on Desaulniers' mood and collapsed in the final game.

"Mike was just too good for me and he hit so many shots that had the ball flying out at me from different angles," said Talbott, who was unranked a year ago in his first season, but has moved up to No. 3 in the world in the last 17 months.

In the other semifinal, Caldwell faced a flat Goldstein and worked on his weakness, the backhand shot. "The up-and-down game is my trait but I felt very strong and was doing a lot with the ball," said Caldwell, 30, who lost to Goldstein in five games in their only other matchup this season, last October in Rochester.

Norman makes final
Meanwhile, top seeds Ross Norman of New Zealand and Dean Williams of Australia won through to the men's final in an International Squash Tournament in Birmingham Saturday. The women's finalists are Britons Sue Cogswell and Liss Opie.

Norman, 23, had to battle hard in the men's semifinals to hold off a rally by Ian Robinson, the British No. 4. The New Zealand, ranked No. 8 in the world, won the first two games, but was pulled back to two games all before prevailing 9-4, 10-9, 5-9, 1-9, 9-4. Williams easily beat the British No. 2, Gawnin Briars, 9-7, 9-0, 9-7.

Cogswell, former British champion, reached the women's final with an 8-10, 10-8, 9-0, 9-1 win over Australian Margaret Zachariah.



Andy North...strikes a bad patch

To claim LPGA crown
Stacy staves off Sheehan

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 15 (AP) — Hollis Stacy canned a two-foot putt on the final hole to stave off an onrushing Patty Sheehan to win the \$125,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association 54-hole Golf Tournament here with a record 12-under par 204.

Sheehan, who tied the tournament record with an 11-under 205, fired a sizzling 67 on the 6,214-yard course to pressure Stacy, who entered the day's final round with a one-stroke lead. It was Stacy's second victory in three LPGA events this season, following her sudden-death win after five holes last month at the Deerfield Beach LPGA Whirlpool Open.

Rival Joanne Carner, expected to duel Stacy, fell back on the final nine to finish in third at an eight-under 208. The 27-year-old Stacy, who also fired a 67 for her one-stroke victory, won \$18,700 in the event.

Stacy, plagued with putting problems earlier in the three-day event at the Pasadena Golf Club, opened Sunday's play with a par, while both Sheehan and Carner birdied the hole to move into a three-place tie.

But Stacy, who bogeyed two of the first four holes, was told by her caddy she was

As fancied players fail
Levi bags Hawaiian title

HONOLULU, Feb. 15 (AP) — Wayne Levi, playing steadily while his would-be challengers collapsed in disarray around him, fired a 2-under-par 70 and won the Hawaiian Open Golf Tournament by a single stroke Sunday.

Levi, 28, captured the third individual title of his six-year tour career with a 277 total, 11 strokes under par on the Waialae Country Club course, which winds its way some 6,881 yards through palm groves and along Pacific beaches.

The victory was worth \$58,500 from the total purse of \$325,000 and pushed Levi's earnings for the year to \$69,658 more than he won all last season. It also was the first victory

for the bright-orange golf ball that appeared on the tour late last season and has come into vogue this year.

Levi started the final round in a tie for the lead and, despite repeated challenges from a variety of sources, led or shared the lead for all but one hole. Former U.S. Open champion Andy North, Ben Crenshaw, 21-year-old Bobby Clampett, Chip Zeck and Scott Simpson all made their bids. All but Simpson faded back, Crenshaw with a lost ball and a triple bogey, Clampett with a ball out of bounds and a double bogey, Beck with a decisive bogey on the 16th, and North on a string of consecutive bogeys.

Simpson hung on to take second at 278 after a closing, 3-under-par 69. Beck was next a 279 after a 68. Crenshaw, North and Clampett tied at 280. Crenshaw had a 70 despite his various difficulties. Clampett shot 71 and the disappointed North, who was tied for the lead on three separate occasions, closed with a 73.

Tom Watson, only two strokes back after three rounds and apparently poised for a challenge, simply never got started. The current Masters champion blew to a fat 76, including a ball out of bounds, and finished at 285.

He was tied at that figure with seniors champion Arnold Palmer, who matched par 72 over the last 18 holes. Bill Rogers, who last season broke Watson's four-year streak as player of the year, shot 73-286. Hale Irwin, who won this title at a record 23-under-par last season, was 4 strokes higher. He had a closing 70 and a 289 total.

Levi took command of the tournament with a six-foot eagle putt on the ninth hole, surrendered the top spot when he bogeyed the 12th, then regained a share of the lead with a birdie-4 on the 13th.

The critical hole, however, was the 15th. Levi lofted his orange ball against the blue sky in a soft approach that stopped some 2-to-3 feet from the cup. He made the birdie putt while North, the closest man at the time, three-putted. It was a 2-shot swing, which put Levi in control and he held it most of the way preserving the lead with a four-foot par-saving second putt on the 17th.

It's getting better all the time for Billy Olson

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (WP) — In the last two weeks, Billy Olson twice has broken the indoor pole vaulting record. First, at Toronto, he vaulted 18 feet 8 ¾ inches. He eclipsed that mark last weekend at the Portland Federal Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville, where he went 18-9 1-4.

"Don't tell anybody, but Billy Olson has been holding a little something back. 'I haven't had the perfect jump yet,' he said Tuesday from his home in Abilene, Tex. 'I've been going good, to say the least, but I don't think I've got everything I can out of the pole yet.'"

Olson, 23, says he's through fiddling around. He's ready to go for 19 feet. "My parents watched the Toronto jump on TV and they said I was six inches over the bar," said the Abilene University student. "And in Louisville I know I was two, three or four inches over."

Success has been sudden for Olson, who teaches in Abilene and who, with his shaggy blond hair, bears a resemblance to squeaky-clean singer John Denver. Two years ago he was one of the top U.S. vaulters, but nagging minor injuries kept him from soaring the record heights. Then, in a horrible training accident in September 1980, he broke every bone in his left wrist and dislocated his left elbow. It was such a mess doctors told him he'd be lucky to regain use of the wrist at all. He was in a cast for six months. The doctors said he'd never vault again.

"I saw the X-rays," said Olson. "It looked like scrambled eggs." He had fallen during a rope-vaulting exercise, using a rope hanging from the gym ceiling to soar over a bar. Olson landed on the gym floor from 18 feet up.

But even before the cast came off he was back at work. His coach, Don Hood, told him use of the left hand wasn't critical. He found his worst problem was in carrying the pole on the run, when almost all the weight is borne by the left wrist. In the actual vault most of the stress was on his right side, so he modified his run and carry and this winter things all came together.

In January he set a record of 18-6 1-2 at the

Meadowlands in New Jersey. Then came the Toronto and Louisville jumps. Oddly, his emergence is coming where he least expected it: indoors.

He prefers outdoors, where he can use a longer and generally faster runway. His personal indoor record before this year was 17-10, but he's already jumped 18-7 1-2 outdoors, where the world record is three-fourths of an inch over 19 feet.

"That's what's got me so excited," Olson said in his draw. "I've increased my P.R. (personal record) by almost a foot indoors. If I'd been outdoors, with good conditions, I think I'd already be at 19 feet and over."

The fact that he's from Abilene, where if you shake a tree a pole vaulter is likely to fall out, didn't hurt Olson. He started vaulting seriously in the summer between 10th and 11th grades, when he joined a friend who was working out. "I hadn't even tried it in two

years," he said. "But it had gotten easy for me. I jumped 12 feet that day, as high as he did."

That fall his high school track coach asked to try out and by the end of the season Olson was vaulting 15 feet. The next year he set a state high school record of 15-10.

Then it was on to Abilene University, where Hood has created something of a pole vaulting center. "In the last five or six years he's had six vaulters over 17-6 and three over 18 feet. There's no other college coach in the country, maybe even the world, who can say that," said Olson.

"Hood said in Olson he saw a 'skinny kid with tremendous competitive spirit. He was just so skinny, but he blew down the runway as fast as he could. I figured I could work with him.' It wasn't long, Hood said, before he realized that Olson could be "the greatest pole vaulter America's ever had. He can't stand to lose, even in tiddlywinks."

BRIEFS

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, (AFP) — Veteran American driver Bobby Allison driving a Buick Regal won the 24th Daytona 500 miles race (804 kms) Sunday. The 44-year-old Allison, who won here in 1978, finished some 23 seconds clear of compatriot team-mate Cale Yarborough after clocking an average speed of 247.7 k.m.p.h.

MOSCOW (AP) — Vladimir Salnikov of the Soviet Union has claimed a world record in the 800-meter freestyle swimming event after beating his old mark by nearly four seconds at the U.S.S.R. Open Championships, Tass reported Monday. Swimming in the 1,500-meter race Sunday, Salnikov covered 800 meters in 7:52.83 in the Moscow Olympic Pool to eclipse his former world record of 7:56.49 minutes set three years ago in Minsk.

IZMIR, Turkey, (R) — Ciska Sofia of Bulgaria won the women's European Volleyball Cup-Winners' Cup by beating Dinamo Moscow of the Soviet Union 3-1 in the final Sunday.

day, Slavia Bratislava of Czechoslovakia took third place with a 3-0 win over Starlift Voorburg of the Netherlands.

LONDON, (R) — Pierre Harper of Britain beat Bruno Royer of France 10-8 in the final of the Leon Paul Memorial Cup International Foil Fencing Tournament here Sunday. Udi Carmi took third place, beating Graham Paul of Britain 10-8.

TAIPEI, (AFP) — The secretary-general of the International Softball Federation (ISF) Don Porter, said here Monday he remained "optimistic" that the fifth World Girls' Championship would be held as scheduled in Taipei in July. Meanwhile, Ho Ming-Chang, chairman of the organization committee for the championship, to be held July 1-12, and president of the local softball association, said that his organization would "continue to sponsor the tournament."

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In U.S. National final

Johan Kriek proves too good for McEnroe

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 15 (AP) — Johan Kriek, a volatile young South African who almost quit the tournament in the second round over a line dispute, out-battled top-ranked John McEnroe 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 Sunday for the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championship.

It was the second major victory for the 23-year-old Kriek, who won the Australian title earlier this year but is ranked only 16th in the world computer list and was eighth seeded here.

For McEnroe, recognized as the world's greatest player, it was the second straight disappointment in this tournament, played now at the fashionable Racquet Club. McEnroe lost to outsider Trey Waltke in the opening round last year after a long flight from Australia.

Kriek gave a dazzling exhibition of shot-making from the backcourt, suffering a slight relapse in the middle of the match only to recover pluckily in the deciding third set. "I want to thank McEnroe for not going into overdrive when it was 5-4," the South African said after he had been presented a trophy and a \$40,500 check. "He usually shifts into overdrive when he's down to the wire."

The final matched two of the most quick-tempered players in the game. Both had brief flurries of anger and disputes, but none reached an obnoxious state. Reflective of the intensity and passion of the play was the fact that Kriek hit 10 aces and 11 double faults, while McEnroe had nine aces and eight double faults, many of them costly.

Kriek started on a high note, winning the first three games and went on to take the first

set rather easily against a McEnroe who was dour, obviously uninspired and troubled.

The South African hit three aces in the decisive game of the first set. Then he broke McEnroe in the first game of the second set, after the three-time U.S. Open champion had double faulted, and again in the third game after losing his own service in the second. He appeared well on his way to victory, taking a 3-1 lead before McEnroe rallied to pull even by holding service and breaking in the sixth.

McEnroe seemed to have turned the tide when he held off two break points in the fifth game to hold service and then get his important break in the sixth. Kriek's strong, aggressive game wilted at that point, and McEnroe won 14 of the next 15 points, breaking Kriek at love in the eighth game and confidently running out the set.

McEnroe scored a quick break in the 14-point first game of the final set when the rattled South African double faulted four times. But Kriek collected himself to gain a rebreak in the fourth game — a game marked by sensational backcourt rallies and spectacular winning points. McEnroe double faulted at game point.

The match followed service the rest of the way, but the bottom dropped out for McEnroe when Kriek hit a forehand passing shot, went to serve on a double fault, scored another winner and saw a volley drop limply off McEnroe's racket for a break at love.

McEnroe suffered double disaster when he and Peter Fleming, the best doubles team in the world, also lost in the doubles to Kevin Curren, a South African, and Steve Denton of the U.S., 7-6 4-1, 6-2.



John McEnroe... second straight disappointment

Spurs handed a tough task

LONDON, Feb. 15 (R) — English Football Association (F.A.) Cup holders Tottenham were handed the task they feared most when they were paired with London rivals Chelsea in the quarterfinal draw Monday.

Tottenham, the favorites, will not relish the prospect of an away match against the Second Division giant-killers, who disposed of European champions Liverpool in the fifth round Saturday.

Leicester will be favorites to beat Shrewsbury, fifth round conquerors of Ipswich, at home, while Queen's Park Rangers meet either Crystal Palace or Orient, who replay Wednesday after drawing 0-0 at the weekend. West Bromwich, still disappointed at losing to Tottenham in the semifinals of the League Cup, should take a step nearer Wembley when they play hosts to fellow-First Division side Coventry.

To win WCT Classic

Clerc rallies past Buehning

RICHMOND, Virginia, Feb. 15 (AP) — Top-seeded Jose-Luis Clerc, who played the entire tournament with a sprained ankle, rallied from the loss of the first set Sunday and beat unseeded Fritz Buehning, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, for the championship of the Richmond World Championship Tennis Classic.

The 23-year-old Argentine, who led his country to the Davis Cup final last year against the United States, earned \$100,000 for the victory in the televised match. Buehning earned \$40,000 his biggest payday.

Buehning, 21 and the youngest player in the 16-man field, started off as if he were going to record his third straight upset on the heels of successive victories over Romanian veteran Ilie Nastase and the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds from Australia, Peter McNamara and Mark Edmondson.

Swinging out and hitting winners, Buehning got the only service break in the first game of the first set. But Clerc began to turn

the tide in the second set and got the only break in the sixth game when Buehning double-faulted to set up break point, then hit a topspin lob long to give Clerc a 4-2 lead. He ran out the set from there.

Buehning broke Clerc in the sixth game of the third set and took a 4-2 lead, but the Argentine — ranked No. 5 on the world computer — won the next four games, including break in the seventh and ninth games.

In the third set, Clerc broke Buehning in the third game to take a 2-1 lead, and the two then held service until Clerc broke Buehning again at love in the ninth and final game to wrap up the match, which lasted 2½ hours.

The top-seeded Australian team of Edmondson and Kim Warwick defeated Syd Ball of Australia and Wolf Gehring of West Germany 6-4, 6-2, in the doubles final. The winners split \$15,000, while the losers divided \$7,000.



Jose-Luis Clerc... gutsy performance

Clubs to release star players

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The football league's top managers Sunday backed a proposal to boost the World Cup preparations of England, Northern Ireland and Scotland by releasing star players from their sides for the season tours and friendlies.

At a meeting of managers, coaches, secretaries, team bosses including Bobby Robson, Keith Burkinshaw and Lawrie McMenemy agreed — to do all in their power to let the three international managers have their squads from the week before the FA Cup final on May 15.

Over 70 managers heard Ron Greenwood, Billy Bingham and Jack Stein, spell out their hopes for schedules of matches and get-together before the World Cup finals begin on June 13.

Players involved in the FA Cup final, any European club finals or important league fixtures would, of course be needed by their clubs, but managers went out of their way to offer hope to the international trio.

Meanwhile, the Dutch Football Federation has stopped, manager Kees Rijvers from taking charge of the Cameroon during June's World Cup finals in Spain.

The Cameroon Football Association asked to have Rijvers for a six-month period leading up to and including the World Cup. But the Dutch feel that the absence of Rijvers would hinder their own rebuilding plans following elimination from the World Cup. They have instead, suggested the name of Luxembourg-born Spitz Kohn, a former manager of club side FC Twente Enschede.

IAL records maiden triumph

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 — IAL had two firsts in the Binzarg Benson and Hedges Cricket League last weekend. It registered its first victory of the season and in the process also notched its first points in the league.

The team at whose expense IAL scored its firsts was 1395. In a close tussle, IAL bowled, batted and fielded a shade better than its rivals to lift itself from the cellar position — held jointly by itself and Bank Jazera until this match.

IAL opted to make the first use of the strip after winning the toss. And the decision proved right when its openers Jaffer (45) and Muzaffar (199) provided it a bright start. But after the opening partnership of 70 runs, three wickets tumbled quickly and IAL slumped into the doldrums as the 1395 bowlers gained ascendancy.

With IAL utilizing 16 overs for just 81, its chances of piling up a big total seemed remote. But one advantage lay in favor of the IAL as 1395 relied on its second string bowlers to contain the batsmen, with the main bowlers now out of firing line. IAL employed the long handle in the remaining overs to push the rate in leaps and bounds, with Nissar (40 not out) being the most dominant. IAL boosted its tally to 145 for four wickets in its allotted overs with 64 of these coming in the last six overs.

1395 began poorly and never recovered from the bad start. Though it came close to

Mark corners the limelight

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 — American Mark De Matteo roared to glory in the season's opening Motorcross conducted by the European Motor Cycle Association (EMCA) at the Sheikh Ajeb Track last Friday.

Mark, astride a Honda 250 cc, first went on to win the seniors 250 cc classified race and then put heavier motor cycles to shade with a superlative ride in the seniors unlimited.

How they finished

JUNIORS 80CC	(U.S.A. — Yamaha) 1	SENIORS 250CC	(U.S. — Honda) 1
Kenny Fuller	(Saudi Arabia — Yamaha) 2	Mark De Matteo	(Britain — Suzuki) 2
Khalid Hajid		Keith Stevenson	
JUNIORS 100CC	(Sweden — Suzuki) 1	SENIORS 500CC	(Sweden — Husqvarna) 1
Christopher Lindholm	(U.S. — Suzuki) 2	Thorpe Friedl	(Britain — Suzuki) 2
Ronnie Baccara		Kevin Stephens	
SENIORS 125CC	(Lebanon — Suzuki) 1	SENIORS UNLIMITED	(U.S. — Honda 250cc) 1
Shawki Sarkis	(Belgium — Suzuki) 2	Mark De Matteo	(U.S. — Suzuki 125cc) 2
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Potter tastes mixed fortunes

KANSAS CITY, Missouri Feb. 15 (AP) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova defeated No. 2 seeded Barbara Potter in straight sets 6-2, 6-2 Sunday to capture the \$22,000 first prize in singles competition at the Avon Championships of Kansas City.

The victory was Navratilova's fifth on the tour this year, and raised her earnings to \$132,600. Potter won \$11,000 for her second-place finish.

The first set was tied at 2-2, but Navratilova broke Potter's serve in the fifth game and went on to sweep the next three games. Potter won the first game of the second set, but Navratilova came back to win three straight before losing in the fifth game.

It was the 11th straight victory over Potter for Navratilova, the No. 2 tennis player in the world, the Czechoslovakian, who now lives in Dallas, has won 20 straight matches in 1982.

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But potter rebounded with partner Sharon Walsh in the doubles finals to defeat Mary Lou Piatek and Anne Smith 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 for the \$9,000 first prize.

Antonopolis upset

Meanwhile, unseeded Sabina Simmonds of Italy captured the \$40,000 Avon Futures of Bakersfield Women's Tennis Tournament by breezing to a 6-2, 6-1 victory over second-seeded Lea Antonopolis of the U.S. in the championship match Sunday.

Simmonds, 21, had to qualify for the tournament and wound up winning eight straight matches to earn the \$5,000 first-place money.

In the doubles final Sunday, the top-seeded team of Claudia Monteiro of Brazil and Catherine Tanvier of France defeated Diane Desfor and Barbara Hallquist, both of the U.S., 7-6, 2-6, 6-3.

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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Likewise
5 Japanese city
10 Hand (sl.)
11 Part of P.T.A.
13 Politic
15 - Rio, Texas
16 "To Helen"
17 Persian gateway
18 Period of respite
20 Contribute
21 - the mark
22 Dregs
23 Nut
26 "I Pagliacci" heroine
27 Asian river
28 Egyptian deity
29 Demarcation point
30 Pinch
33 Chemistry suffix
34 Get it?
35 Shade of green
37 Doris Day film
40 Require
41 Forearm bone
42 Famous English actress

DOWN
2 Surrounded by
3 San Quentin
4 regular
6 Panache
8 Sioux
9 Counteract
10 Yarn
12 "All the Things You..."
13 Prepared sense
14 Bound for
15 Illustrious
16 Wedge-shaped
17 Spanish saint
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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BR ZWVDEBJDZR QZP ABR LMBT
JLM TMHZZTJ CZT GDVMY
BTZPRF - GBTX JUBDR
Yesterday's Cryptquote: DEMOCRACY IS THE HOLE IN THE STUFFED SHIRT THROUGH WHICH THE SAWDUST SLOWLY TRICKLES. - E.B. WHITE

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

A Stitch in Time Saves Nine

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 9 2
♥ A J 7
♦ Q 10 9 5
♣ 6 5 4

WEST
♠ J 10 6 5
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ K 3
♣ K 9 2

EAST
♠ K 8 4
♥ 9 5 2
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 10 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 7 3
♥ K Q 10
♦ A J 8 7 4
♣ A J

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead - five of spades.

Bridge is a game loaded with booby traps that many declarers fall into because they don't take the time to think things out. Let's assume you're in three notrump and West leads the five of spades. When you play low from dummy, East wins the spade with the king and shifts to the seven of clubs. Your jack loses to the king and West returns the nine of clubs, which you win with the ace. You enter dummy with a heart and lead the queen of diamonds, East following low.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Close ties may raise objections about a trip. Expect some changes. Talks with advisers about financial matters should go well.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Avoid friction with co-workers. Unexpected news pertaining to investments or loans. Elicit the support of friends in the afternoon.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A friend's behavior will surprise you, and the affairs of children will concern you. New business opportunities on the horizon.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
The day's routine may be upset in some way. Be adaptable. Ingenuity brings benefits. Home concerns interfere with concentration.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Dating plans are subject to change. More self-confidence

is needed regarding a creative project. Don't sell yourself short.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Facing facts about credit accounts may lead to the postponement of a purchase. Don't strain your budget. Relatives are erratic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Inconsistency in thought could mar your efforts to communicate with others. Coming good news pertains to money or possessions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Innovative methods bring a good financial return, but steer clear of dubious propositions. Be straightforward and don't create doubts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
An unusual opportunity comes now, but you may have difficulty raising the necessary capital. Discuss projects with advisers.

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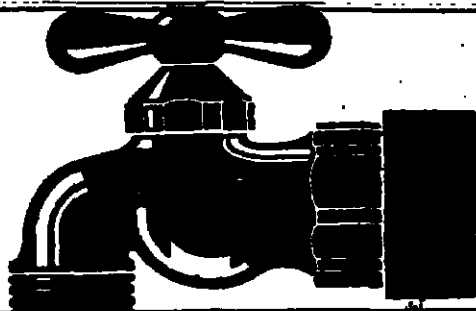
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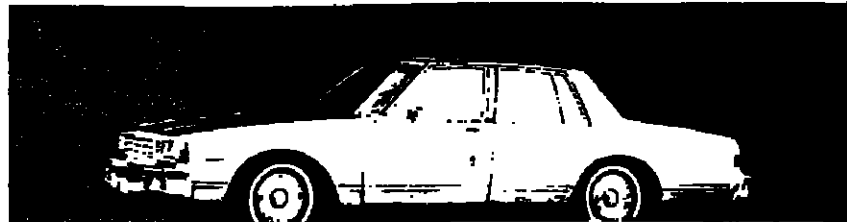
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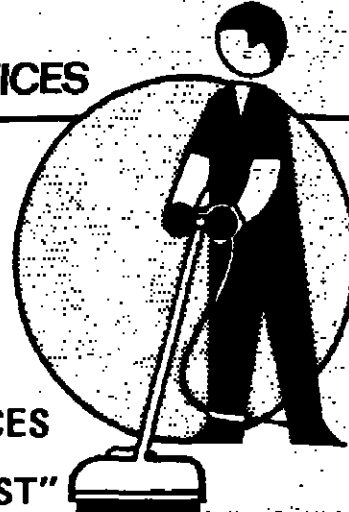
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Indians to purchase 40 French Mirages

PARIS, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — India has agreed to buy 40 advanced Mirage-2000 jet fighters from France in a deal that may be extended to the manufacture of the aircraft in India under license, French defense officials said Monday.

They said prolonged negotiations on the sale were completed with the signature on Jan. 24 of a memorandum of understanding. The next move is the drafting and signing of the contract, estimated to be worth \$2.4 billion, one official said.

But the memorandum of understanding already laid down details of the deal, including specifications of the Mirage-2000 combat plane whose equipment will include the Snecma M-53-P-2 engine and Matra interception Super-530 missiles.

Officials said France and India are to pursue talks on the possible joint construction of a further 40 planes. According to industry sources, the first Mirages will be delivered to India by 1984, and all the first batch of 40 will be in service with the Indian Air Force by about the same time as Pakistan acquires F-16 aircraft from the United States.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi agreed on the broad outlines of the Mirage deal when she came to France last November. At that time, Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy of France said his government was ready to grant India long-term, low-interest credits to finance the Mirage package.

The accord with India is the second major Mirage-2000 export deal signed by France's Socialist government this year. In January, Defense Minister Charles Hernu signed a one-billion-dollar agreement with Egypt for the sale of 20 Mirage-2000s, built by the state-controlled Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation Company.

Officials said the final phase of current talks between France and India about the Mirages would be followed by the manufacture of the delta-winged plane under license at the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. plant in Bangalore. "But for the moment we are in stage one," an official added.

Indonesia closes Aeroflot office

JAKARTA, Feb. 15 (R) — Indonesia has closed the Jakarta office of the Soviet airline Aeroflot and deported its local chief for alleged espionage, the national security chief, Adm. Sudomo, said Monday.

Aeroflot official Alexander Finenko, Western diplomats say, is a senior officer in Russia's GPU military intelligence, was arrested on Feb. 6 and had been on hunger strike until he was put on an Aeroflot flight out of the country on Saturday.

Adm. Sudomo told a group of senior Indonesian editors Monday that the decision to deport Finenko should not be taken as a sign of Indonesian weakness but was done for health and humanitarian reasons because of his hunger strike.

Soviet diplomats were involved in an airport fistfight with Indonesian security men in an attempt to prevent Finenko's arrest. He was trying to board a plane with another alleged Soviet spy, military attaché Sergei Egorov, who had been given 48 hours to leave the country.

The national news agency Antara quoted Adm. Sudomo as saying the decision to close down the Aeroflot office would be delivered to the Foreign Ministry to pass to the Soviet Embassy.

The closure follows street demonstrations here denouncing alleged Soviet spying and a call by the country's Civil Aviation Trade Union for a ban on Soviet flights.

Last week, Jakarta's military chief, Norman Sasono, announced that Finenko would be put on trial for subversion along with an Indonesian naval officer, Lt. Col. Susdaryanto, who is said to have been caught red-handed passing secret documents to Col. Egorov in a Jakarta restaurant.

Adm. Sudomo said Monday that Lt. Col. Susdaryanto would be put on trial very soon.

Soviet foreign minister celebrates 25th year

MOSCOW, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Andrei Gromyko, 73, for some a symbol of stability, for others of staleness in Soviet diplomacy, Monday celebrated his 25th year as foreign minister.

Named to the post on Feb. 15, 1957, Gromyko now stands with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev as a leader of the old guard after the death last month of their contemporary Mikhail Suslov, one of the regime's leading ideologues.

Gromyko was named ambassador to Washington at only 34. From knowing practically nothing of foreign affairs, according to former American Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, he became the architect of Soviet foreign policy.

Kissinger, who often met with Gromyko, considered him an incomparable negotiator, gifted with a stunning memory and the ability to use his years of experience to dominate conferences.

U.S. planned N-strike at Soviet Union

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The United States had a plan during the 1950s to use a massive nuclear strike to reduce the Soviet Union to rubble in case of war, according to government documents. The documents, quoted in the latest edition of *International Security*, a quarterly foreign policy review published by Harvard University, said U.S. forces planned to launch 735 B-47 and B-36 bombers to attack 1,700 strategic targets in the Soviet Union, among them 409 airfields.

The article used notes from a navy captain who had attended a 1954 meeting of several officers of the Strategic Air Command, including Gen. Curtis Lemay, the commander of the force. Lemay confirmed to the author of the *International Security* article, David Rosenberg, that the notes were generally accurate as a record of what had been discussed at the meeting.

The documents said the president of the United States, then Dwight Eisenhower, would have given the order to use the atomic bomb, but Lemay would have coordinated a war with the Soviets from that point on. Lemay said during the meeting that the United States would not hesitate to strike first under certain conditions.

Tries to meet Romanian

French newsman beaten

PARIS, Feb. 15 (AFP) — French journalist Bernard Poulet, a correspondent for the Socialist daily *Le Matin*, was severely beaten while trying to meet "the Romanian Lech Walesa" in Ploesti, 60 kms north of Bucharest, he recounted in the paper Monday. Poulet said he went to Bucharest after contacts in Paris received two telephone calls from Romanian free union militant Vasil Parashiv.

Parashiv told his friends here that he wanted to come to France to obtain medical treatment for his ailing wife. The journalist said that, having failed to find an interpreter to accompany him, he went alone to the 54-year-old union leader's home in central Ploesti Thursday.

The door was opened by Mrs. Parashiv, who told him to come back later. When he returned, Parashiv's mother and daughter answered and he learned from a French-speaking neighbor that the Parashivs had been detained by militia.

The neighbor told him to return that evening, saying they would probably be released by then. "About 30 meters from the building," Poulet wrote, "I was hit on the head and lost consciousness. I came to behind a fence, where I was being pounded by two men."

"I screamed, but no one came," Poulet said.

He "half-fainted" again, he wrote, when he realized that his attackers were going through his pockets. They left shortly afterward, "after a final kick in the side," and "help came almost immediately: civilians who apparently had heard nothing."

He was told that his aggressors were probably "gypsy robbers," but the journalist doubted this, because although his money and his tape recorder had disappeared, so had his notebook and agendas while his overcoat and expensive wristwatch were untouched.

After a night at the hospital, he returned to Parashiv's home accompanied by French diplomats, but the group was refused entry by a militiaman at the gate who said Poulet would have to make a deposition at the local police station, "less than 100 meters from where I was attacked."

After leaving the police station where he was told that "it could have been worse, you could have been knifed," he once again tried to see Parashiv, but "the whole neighborhood was blocked off."

Poulet returned here Sunday and *Le Matin* featured his article Monday.

Over Taipei

Sino-U.S. tension stressed

PEKING, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua Monday hinted that it might be hard to ease the tension in relations between China and the United States, strained over the question of Taipei (Republic of China).

In a speech to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of American writer Edgar Snow, whose book *Red Star Over China* first brought the Chinese Communists to the attention of the West in the late 30s, Huang commented that "relations between states may be over-cast and the road ahead may be rugged."

"But," Huang continued, "the friendship between the peoples is everlasting. The Chinese people will always remain united with the people of the United States and those of other countries."

Huang made no explicit reference to Taipei or the question of U.S. arms sales to the Nationalist-held island. Recently both Huang and Vice Foreign Minister Zhong Xidong have told visiting foreigners in Peking that Sino-American relations were going through a "crisis."

Huang's speech in the main auditorium at Peking University was part of a full program of memorial activities in honor of the former U.S. journalist, who was a close friend of Chinese Communist leaders in the 1930s.

"This fine son of the American people is the pride of both the Chinese and American peoples," said Huang, who acted as Edgar Snow's interpreter in conversations with the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung. Before making his speech Huang had bowed before a plaque commemorating Snow, whose ashes are kept at the university.

Attending the Peking University ceremony were novelist Ding Ling, who was in the Communist stronghold in Yanan at the same time as Snow, and chairman of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries Wang Bingnan.

Earlier Vice-Premier Yao Yilin attended the opening of an exhibition in the museum of the revolution displaying photographs and other exhibits related to Snow's meetings with Mao and other top leaders.

Seamen seek asylum

Martial law restrictions tightened in Polish city

WARSAW, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Some 200 persons were arrested in Poznan during weekend demonstrations marking two months of martial law in Poland, the official news agency PAP said. It said 162 persons in the western Polish city were "punished by misdemeanor courts" after Saturday's protests.

The agency described the demonstrators as being "mostly high school and university students or persons who are neither employed nor studying elsewhere." Police moved in to disperse the crowds who shouted hostile slogans, it said. The regional defense committee has now decided to tighten martial law restrictions in Poznan. Cinemas and theaters have been closed and private cars banned.

As Poland entered its third month of martial law, Warsaw was calm although candles did burn in some windows in apparent gestures of disapproval. Travellers reaching Warsaw reported heavy police patrols and security measures in the Baltic port of Gdansk, birthplace of the now suspended trade union Solidarity, but said there was no sign of trouble.

In the western town of Lubin, a worker at a petrol station defused a homemade timebomb which would have caused a massacre if it had exploded, PAP said. It said the device, hidden in a shopping bag full of potatoes, was in working order. The petrol station, which had 28,000 liters (7,400 gallons) of petrol in its tanks, is located near a hospital, nursery and school.

In Moscow, Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov endorsed martial law in an interview quoted by the official news agency Tass. He said Moscow had a vital interest in the reestablishment of normal life in Poland and was giving its ally considerable aid.

In Bonn, the West German weekly news-magazine *Der Spiegel* quoted Polish Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski as having said at the end of last year he was convinced martial law would last a long time in

100,000 books displayed at world fair

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (AP) — Chinese cookbooks and American comics shared shelf space with multivolume sets of religious instruction (in several languages) and pamphlets on yoga and transcendental meditation at the fifth World Book Fair here in the Indian capital.

About 450 Indian publishing houses joined with 65 foreign firms to produce what Frankfurt book fair official Elizabeth Falk called the "premier" event of its kind in Asia. At its peak, more than 100,000 volumes were stacked high in labyrinthine labyrinths of stalls in four massive halls at the sprawling Pragati Maidan exposition center during the 11-day fair, which ended Monday.

And with "something for everyone," sales were brisk, though figures were not expected to be available until later. "It's not just a meeting place of publishers," stressed Narendra Kumar, president of the Federation of Indian Publishers and head of one of Asia's largest publishing houses.

The fair also afforded developing nations a marketplace to trade profitably alongside developed ones, Kumar added. For some, such as the island nation of Sri Lanka, off the southern tip of India, it was their debut at such an event.

While Indian firms dominated numerically, there also were popular displays from the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, France, China and Pakistan.

The fair was organized by the Indian government-owned National Book Trust, which displayed more than 7,000 volumes in every major Indian language covering virtually every facet of Indian life, culture and history. Children's books proved a popular draw.

The British section included one corner for Commonwealth writers. Clerks said sales of critical essays of English literature rivaled those of perennial favorites such as the Hardy Boys adventures.

Browsers rummaged through glossy magazines graced by portraits of popular stars, or thumbed through books of rare art. Many among the throngs that crowded the fair each day found the books — even the paperbacks — priced far beyond their meager budgets.

1 miner dies in Spain

CORDOBA, Spain Feb. 15 (AFP) — One died and ten were injured Monday in a gas explosion in a coal mine at Espiel in southern Spain's Cordoba province, the civil guard reported. The explosion led to panic in the mine, and first police reports put the death toll higher.

It later became clear that only 22 men were in the mine when the fire-damp explosion occurred. Eleven buried under the rubble but were rapidly dug out, police said. The dead man was at the entrance of the mine, taking the full brunt of the blast.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazem

Sleep accounts for a third of one's life. And it is a third which can affect the other two very badly. Nothing like a bad night for a bad day, on this all agree. Yet few are prepared to consider their own sleeping habits (to consider them, that is, before sleeping, otherwise, you'd have a sleepless night considering the best ways to improve your sleep).

Now if you go to a doctor complaining of insomnia, the list of do's and don'ts he reels off is predictable. First don't do it! take sleeping pills unless you absolutely have to. These are all addictive, and you can get so dependent on them that you lose the ability to sleep without them.

And the other don't is of course to do with the last meal before sleeping. This must on no account be over-rich, and it must contain plenty of vitamin B and proteins. There is also the question of lighting, as some people cannot sleep without light: here the light must be indirect, and muted. It also helps if it is colored.

Don't do any hard work, whether physical or mental, before sleep — here you must note that "mental" work includes such things as watching television or reading, if the subject matter was in anyway "heavy."

My doctor told me all this and more recently as I went to complain about lack of sleep. I told him I already knew the list by heart and have always tried to keep to it. "There must be a deeper cause for your condition," he said. "We must look into it and see what can be done."

"I know what it is," I said. "Too much work, and of the worst kind: reading and writing all day everyday on one theme and one theme alone...Arab policies."

"Here's a prescription for sleeping pills," was his answer...

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

U.K. denies deal over Hong Kong

LONDON, Feb. 15 (R) — Britain's Foreign Office denied a Hong Kong newspaper report Monday that it had agreed a friendship treaty with China over the colony's status.

The Chinese-language financial daily *Tsai Chin Ya Pao* reported that the terms of a treaty would be announced by Britain and China on May 1 to test reaction in Hong Kong, Britain and China.

A Foreign Office spokesman in London said later: "The suggestion that Britain and China have agreed in principle to sign a treaty is without foundation."

The newspaper said that China's sovereignty over the colony would be recognized by the treaty, but Peking would maintain Hong Kong's present status for its duration.

British Deputy Foreign Minister Humphrey Atkins said on Jan. 10 after visiting Peking that China was formulating its position on Hong Kong. He expected the issue to be taken a step further when Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher visits China in September.

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Chicago	-8	17	-2	29	cloudy	Rio De Janeiro	21	70	36	97	clear
Copenhagen	0	32	1	34	cloudy	Rome	8	46	12	54	cloudy
Dublin	9	48	12	54	cloudy	San Francisco	13	55	15	59	rain
Frankfurt	2	36	3	37	rain	Seoul	-3	27	7	45	clear
Geneva	-2	28	6	43	rain	Singapore	-24	75	31	88	cloudy
Helsinki	0	32	2	36	cloudy	Stockholm	-22	28	1	34	cloudy
Hong Kong	10	50	14	57	cloudy	Sydney	21	71	28	82	clear
Jakarta	23	73	31	88	rain	Taipei	12	54	15	59	rain
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	clear	Tokyo	3	37	10	50	clear
London	2	36	7	45	cloudy	Toronto	-8	18	-2	28	clear
Los Angeles	15	59	20	68	cloudy	Vancouver	5	41	8	46	rain
Madrid	1	34	9	48	rain	Vienna	-4	25	-2	28	cloudy

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